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## Getting down to business

Marines wrap up quarantine in Australia, putting Darwin rotational force at full strength Page 3



Marines head for their new living areas at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin after completing a two-week quarantine in the Northern Territory of Australia on July 22.

SARAH MARSHALL / U.S. Marine Corps

## As Afghanistan struggles to start peace talks, violence fills the void

By SUSANNAH GEORGE and AZIZ TASSAL  
The Washington Post

**MAIDAN SHAR, Afghanistan** — In one of the most heavily contested provinces in Afghanistan, the government's control ends just two miles from the governor's residence. Beyond that point, Taliban influence reigns.

The balance of power in Wardak province held relatively steady for years. But since the signing of a U.S.-Taliban peace deal in February, Taliban influence has grown here and in other key parts of the country. An up-

tick in violence, aimed at giving the militant group leverage in upcoming talks with the Afghan government, has caused hundreds of civilian and combatant casualties, and is undermining local government officials.

"It's created a great distance between us and the people," said Esmatullah Azim, a local politician in the province. He said fewer civilians are approaching him for help with compensation or for an explanation of the violence. Instead, they're turning to the Taliban.

"The people blame the government for the delay in peace talks. They are hungry

for peace and want it any way and anyhow. Instead, day by day, the Taliban are getting stronger."

Under the U.S.-Taliban agreement, the Afghan-Taliban peace talks were slated to begin in March. But they were delayed for months by a presidential power crisis in Kabul, increased levels of violence and a controversial prisoner exchange that was finalized only Sunday. The talks are now expected to launch this month in Doha, Qatar. U.S. officials have said they will bring a drop in violence.

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## MILITARY

# Quarantine done, USMC contingent set Down Under

By SETH ROBSON  
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The contingent of Marines training in Australia has reached full strength for this year's coronavirus-affected rotation after a final group of U.S. service members emerged from quarantine, according to the unit's commander.

On Friday, the fourth and final element of Marine Rotational Force - Darwin finished the quarantine period prescribed by Northern Territory health officials and the Australian Defense Force, Col. David Banning told reporters during a press conference livestreamed Monday on Facebook.

"They were released from quarantine and have joined the unit and have integrated into the training schedule already in

progress," he said.

The rotational force, which has trained in Australia during the Southern Hemisphere's winter months each year since 2012, has deployed just over 1,000 Marines this year, Banning said.

That's fewer than the 1,200 the Marines had planned to rotate and well short of the 2,500 sent Down Under last year.

The mission was delayed two months by the coronavirus pandemic, which has forced Marines to quarantine for two weeks after they arrive in Australia.

Only one Marine tested positive for the coronavirus after arriving in Australia, according to Royal Australian Air Force Grp. Capt. Stewart Dowrie, who leads Australia's Northern Command.

"That Marine was detected early on and was able to get to Royal Darwin Hospital and get



LYDIA GORDON/U.S. Marine Corps

**U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy corpsmen with Marine Rotational Force - Darwin train on transporting an injured service member at Australia's Mount Bunderly Training Area last week. The contingent of Marines training in the country has reached full strength for this year's coronavirus-affected rotation after a final group of U.S. service members emerged from quarantine, according to the unit's commander.**

looked after appropriately," he said at the press conference.

The Marines have been training at individual and small-unit levels since they arrived, Banning added.

During field exercises the Marines have steered clear of "biosecurity zones" designed to protect indigenous people, he said.

The force is made up of a ground combat element from Twentynine Palms, Calif., Combat Logistics Battalion 5 out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., and a command element from the III Marine Expeditionary Force on Okinawa.

The Marines are building up to Exercise Koolendong with Aus-

tralian forces over 10 to 13 days in September, Banning added.

"We will be here through the mid part of October," he said, adding that there would be quarantine procedures for the Marines heading back to their home bases that needed to be accounted for.

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## German police: Transmission foiled US soldier's attempt to steal a cab

By MARCUS KLOECKNER  
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A 19-year-old American soldier who is accused of trying to steal a taxi at Munich International Airport was thwarted by the car's transmission, German police said.

The soldier, a member of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment based at Vilseck in Bavaria, was supposed to be flying back to the U.S. from Munich International Airport last week, regiment spokesman Maj. John Ambelang said.

Instead, he is accused of trying to take a Mercedes taxi for a spin after seeing the keys in the ignition and no one in the driver's seat, said the Munich airport police, who are investigating the incident.

The soldier is also accused of assaulting the 50-year-old cab driver when he tried to stop him from taking the car, the police statement said.

The taxi driver was outside the vehicle, leaning on the hood, enjoying the fine summer weather Wednesday morning as he waited for passengers at one of the airport's cab ranks, the statement said.

All of a sudden, he noticed that the engine was on, it said.

"Surprised, the taxi driver turned around and saw a stranger sitting in the driver's seat," it said.

The soldier tried to drive off "but was apparently not prepared



Munich Airport Police

**A 19-year-old U.S. Army soldier tried to steal a taxi at the Munich airport and then crashed it Wednesday, German police said.**

for the Mercedes' transmission," it continued.

With the car juddering violently as the soldier tried to put it in gear, the cab driver got to the front passenger's seat to try to stop him.

During the ensuing scuffle, the soldier managed to get the car in gear and drove off. He didn't get far, though, because he crashed the vehicle into a post at the side of the road, doing around \$11,800 in damage to it, the statement said.

The American then punched the cab driver in the face before trying again to drive off. But when it became clear that the car wasn't going anywhere after colliding with the post, the soldier leapt out and tried to flee on foot

only to run straight into the arms of police officers, who detained him, the statement said.

The soldier was later handed over to Hohenfels military police, said Ambelang.

German police are investigating the soldier for theft and assault, they said. He could also face a court-martial, Ambelang said, declining to name the soldier "to maintain the integrity of the investigation and protect (his) privacy."

"Germany has primary jurisdiction over crimes committed by soldiers that violate host nation law," but often hands authority for offenses committed by soldiers to the Army, Ambelang said.

"Regardless, the soldier is no longer returning to the U.S. until the investigation and any follow-on administrative or legal actions are complete," he added.

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## Penalties near for flying drone over Japan bases

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TOKYO — The first phase of a Japanese law that prohibits unauthorized drone flights over and around U.S. military bases and Japanese defense facilities takes effect this month, Defense Minister Taro Kono announced Friday.

The Ministry of Defense designated 15 U.S. bases where small, unmanned aircraft are banned over or within about 1,000 feet, or 300 meters, Kono said at a news conference.

The law permits U.S. forces to train unhindered in order to maintain readiness, he added.

Yokota Air Base, headquarters in western Tokyo of U.S. Forces Japan, is on the list, along with Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Yokosuka Naval Base and the Army's Camp Zama, all close to Tokyo; Misawa Air Base in northern Japan; Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and Sasebo Naval Base in western and southern Japan, respectively; and on Okinawa, Kadena Air Base and the Marines' Camp Schwab, Camp Hansen and Camp Foster, according to a document explaining the restriction posted on the ministry's website. The restriction also applies to 14 Japan Self-Defense Forces installations; 27 other locations are already covered by an earlier prohibition, Kono said.

Japanese authorities will enforce the restrictions on Self-Defense Force facilities starting Monday and at U.S. facilities starting Sept. 6, according to the

ministry document.

Violators will face loss of their drone, up to one-year imprisonment and a fine up to 500,000 yen, about \$4,700, it said.

In 2018, unauthorized drones flew over U.S. military facilities in Japan 70 times, according to U.S. Forces Japan. A USFJ spokesman at the time said the unknown identity of drone operators and their intentions "pose a considerable risk to the safety and security of the people who live and work on those installations, as well as local communities around these installations."

Japan first enacted a law restricting drone flights after one crashed onto the roof of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's residence in April 2015. Drone flights were also restricted over the Imperial Palace, national government office buildings, embassies and nuclear power plants.

Japanese media and residents close to military facilities objected that the ban will restrict reporting on activities at the military bases and impose on people's right to know.

Kono said people's right to know is important but there are concerns over drones interfering with military operations.

"It was designated so no interference is made to operation and training of U.S. Forces and self-defense forces as well as concerns over drones being used for terrorism recently," he said.

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## PACIFIC

# ‘Hibakusha’ prays for anti-nuke message

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HIROSHIMA, Japan — Keiko Ogura was just 8 years old when the atomic blast over Hiroshima picked her up and slammed her unconscious to the ground.

She awoke, shocked, in a dim light surrounded by roof tiles and shingles. In the distance, she could see a shed burning.

“It was dark and so silent. I didn’t know what to do,” Ogura, now 82, said through an interpreter ahead of the blast’s 75th anniversary on Thursday. “I was just silent, crouching on the ground. From afar, I heard someone crying. I realized it was my younger brother’s voice. I followed that voice, and I went back home.”

Ogura, speaking to reporters at an online conference July 27, is one of the dwindling number of atomic bomb survivors, called “hibakusha” in Japanese, still telling their stories and calling for a world devoid of nuclear weapons.

This year, the coronavirus pandemic and measures adopted to curb its spread meant scaled-down ceremonies marking the 75th anniversaries of the first and second wartime atomic blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively. Aging survivors of the attacks, who usually make themselves available to visitors at the ceremonies and tell their stories firsthand, were absent or kept apart from potential sources of infection.

At a commemoration Sunday of the Nagasaki bombing, Mayor Tomihisa Taue called on the government of Japan to ratify a United Nations treaty banning nuclear weapons, according to The Japan Times. Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui relayed a similar message during a ceremony days earlier.

The United States on Aug. 9, 1945, dropped a plutonium bomb codenamed Fat Man on Nagasaki, a weapon more powerful than the bomb dropped three days earlier on Hiroshima. The bomb detonated at 11:02 a.m. at 1,650 feet above the city. The resulting blast killed as many as 40,000 people and injured another 60,000, although precise casualty figures are hard to estimate, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Each year, thousands more survivors of the two attacks die in their old age. About 9,200 survivors were lost in the past year, according to The Japan Times report on Sunday. This year at Hiroshima, 4,934 names were added to a registry at a ceremony Thursday honoring those who died since the previous anniversary.

That list of names kept in a cenotaph at Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Park includes all those who perished immediately or succumbed to injuries related to the explosion years later.

Ogura said the cenotaph’s inscription — “let all the souls here rest in peace for we shall not repeat the mistake” — is not just the wish of the hibakusha.

“It should be the goal of every-



EUGENE HOSHINO/AP

**A man prays in front of the cenotaph for the atomic bombing victims before the start of ceremony to mark the 75th anniversary of the bombing in Hiroshima, western Japan, early Thursday**



TANUTO KANEKO, KYODO NEWS/AP

**A man and his daughter pray for the victims of U.S. atomic bombing at the Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park in Nagasaki, southern Japan, on Sunday.**

one all over the world to work for peace,” she said.

On Aug. 6, 1945, her older brother was working in a potato field when he saw a plane approaching and a small black dot falling through the sky, she said. That plane was the Enola Gay, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress. The dot was the atomic bomb, codenamed Little Boy.

Her brother returned to the family’s heavily damaged home 1½ miles from the blast hypocenter and told the family that Hiroshima was destroyed.

The city was rebuilt and the ground over which the bomb detonated was turned into the Peace Memorial Park. More than 1.5 million people visit it annually, according to the Hiroshima

Peace Media Center. Because of the pandemic, that number has fallen substantially this year. The ceremony itself included a fraction of the usual attendees.

“Until February, this park was full of people: tourists, students and travelers from around the world wishing for peace,” Ogura said. “We don’t see many foreigners in the Peace Memorial Park this year. Being in the midst of this pandemic, I am reminded of the fear of radiation we felt right after that bombing.”

Turning a blind eye toward the effect of the coronavirus pandemic is no different than ignoring the threat of nuclear war, she said.

“People around the world must work together, must fight this disease,” Ogura said. “It’s the same



City of Hiroshima

**People lay a wreath at the cenotaph for the victims of the 1945 atomic bombing at Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan, on Thursday.**

sentiment we have when we are calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons. No one can evade the effects.”

Complacency toward the potential use or proliferation of nuclear weapons will become a downhill path toward nuclear war, Ogura added.

She encouraged people to use social media sites like YouTube to learn about the history of the atomic bomb and learn the stories of those who survived the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

“We are connected. The world is connected. With that connection why don’t we come together and work toward world peace,” she said. “As long as I have life in me, I can keep telling this story about Hiroshima and Nagasaki.”

Ogura said that each shared story is like a seed of peace carried on a new breeze: a transparent wind, without color or smell, but one can always feel it.

“We are growing older, and I don’t know when my time will come, but after I pass away, and I meet my children in life after death, and they ask me what did you do in your lifetime? What did you do?” Ogura said.

“We want to tell those who have already died that we have accomplished this within our lifetimes,” she said. “This is something that I wish and pray for every single day. That I lived to see them eliminated from the face of the Earth, so I can tell those who died in vain as a result of that bombing.”

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Talks: Afghan officials worry locals will trust the Taliban for security

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Washington Post reporters traveled to Maidan Shar this month during the three-day cease-fire for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. Wardak lies along one of Afghanistan's most dangerous highways, but during the cease-fire, the road was free from clashes and Taliban fighters temporarily disbanded their checkpoints.

The cease-fire was a brief reprieve during an otherwise intensely violent period. Police at the security outposts that mark the end of government control and the beginning of Taliban influence have reported increased assaults by the militants. And in districts beyond the government's reach, civilians report heavier use of government artillery.

More than 3,400 civilians have been killed and wounded since the signing of the U.S.-Taliban deal, according to Afghan government figures. The casualties are comparable to those of the months leading up to the agreement, which were among the highest on record.

Local officials warn that the persistent violence is helping the Taliban. They fear the militants are now in a stronger position as they enter delicate negotiations with Kabul to redistribute power across the country and shape the government that will rule post-war Afghanistan.

Naimatullah Naimat, the head of the emergency room at Maidan Shar's main hospital, said he's seen the number of wounded come for treatment increase.

"It wasn't only me — all Afghans had the same expectation, that there would be a decrease in the violence," he said. "But unfortunately that hasn't been the case."

Naimat said patients from rural parts of the province blame the government for their injuries and

the deaths of loved ones. "If there is an operation in a village [that causes casualties], people think it's the government who is killing them," he said.

Data collected by the United Nations suggests otherwise. The U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan attributed more civilian casualties in the first half of the year to anti-government armed groups than to government forces. Taliban forces were responsible for 43% of all civilian casualties, the mission said in its most recent U.N. report; government forces were responsible for 23%.

The U.S.-Taliban deal did not require a reduction in violence, but U.S. officials said violence was "expected" to remain low after the signing. The week before the signing saw a drop in violence of more than 70%. But within days, it surged again, the only relief being two temporary cease-fires for holidays.

Officials in other contested provinces echoed Azim, saying increased violence following the deal has undermined local governance.

"The people have lost trust in the government," said Hamidullah Nawroz, the head of Ghazni's provincial council. "Instead, their trust in the Taliban has increased."

Nawroz clarified that he doesn't believe most Afghans in his province trust the Taliban to be just rulers. But the deal with the United States gave legitimacy to the militants in the eyes of many Afghans and has made them appear to be a more reliable source of security than the government.

Before the deal was made public, Nawroz said, people in his province had hoped some form of a power-sharing government would rule postwar Afghanistan. "Now people think it's inevitable the Taliban will take complete



PHOTOS BY SUSANNAH GEORGE/The Washington Post

**Naimatullah Naimat, the head of the emergency room at Maidan Shar's main hospital, scans a logbook showing increasing numbers of war-wounded admitted into his care.**



**A poster commemorating a local police unit commander who was killed by Taliban forces hangs inside a small outpost marking the edge of government-held territory in Maidan Shar.**

control."

Hundreds of Afghan troops and police have been killed or wounded over the past five months. At the height of the violence in June, 291 security forces were killed and 550 wounded in a single

week, according to Afghanistan's national security council.

In Wardak on a recent afternoon, half a dozen police were stationed at a dusty checkpoint just beyond the governor's compound, atop a mound of discarded

concrete and mesh barriers that delineate the end of government-controlled territory.

"There's fighting every night," said Jamsheed Afghan, a 19-year-old police officer. "And every day we hear that the Taliban overran another checkpoint." He said he believes clashes with Afghan forces have increased since the U.S. deal because the Taliban no longer devote resources and fighters to U.S. targets. And with fewer U.S. airstrikes, the militants are under less military pressure.

Afghan pointed to a handful of places along the perimeter of the outpost where recent Taliban attacks have killed members of his unit. A small gap in a line of concrete barrier walls, he said, was "where they shot our friend." Muhammad Azim, 27, was killed just days before the Eid cease-fire. He left three small children.

"Of course it brings our morale down," Afghan said. "The Taliban are becoming stronger, and without the Americans, they can turn their faces to us completely."

## Bombing in Pakistani town near Afghan border kills 5

By ABDUL SATTAH

Associated Press

QUETTA, Pakistan — A bomb targeting an anti-drug force tore through a busy market in southwestern Pakistan near the Afghan border on Monday, killing at least five people and wounding 10 others, police and hospital officials said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the explosion in the border town of Chaman, which was caused by a bomb attached to a motorcycle. The bombing targeted a unit tasked with combating narcotics smuggling. Muhammad Ali, a local police official, said some of the wounded

were in critical condition.

Security forces and police cordoned off the area of the blast, where residents said several shops and vehicles were damaged.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the bombing and said he was praying for the recovery of those wounded.

The attack came more than a week after Pakistani troops opened fire at a rally in the town organized by minority Pashtun laborers to demand the reopening of the border crossing. The security forces killed at least three people and wounded 13.

The crossing has been closed

since March because of coronavirus restrictions, preventing Pashtun residents from crossing into Afghanistan to work as day laborers.

Shortly after security forces fired on the rally, Pakistani and Afghan troops in the area exchanged fire. Both sides accused the other of firing first, and Afghan officials said nine people were killed.

It was not immediately known who was behind the bombing or whether it was related to the recent tensions. Southwestern Pakistan is home to ethnic Baluchi separatist groups as well as Islamic militants, both of whom have

been blamed for past attacks.

The Anti-Narcotics Force, commonly known as ANF, is the principal agency for combating

narcotics smuggling. Its officers are stationed in Pakistan's remote border regions with Afghanistan and Iran.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Overseas DODEA students more likely to be in class

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

**KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany** — About one in four students enrolled at the Pentagon's schools in the United States will attend class virtually this fall, more than twice as many as at schools overseas, officials said Monday.

About 9,360 students out of just under 69,300 enrolled in Defense Department schools around the world, or 13.5%, will study remotely during the upcoming fall semester, officials said.

But those numbers are expected to change as more military families register their children for school after delayed permanent-change-of-station moves due to the coronavirus, Department of Defense Education Activity officials said.

Among DODEA's three areas, the highest percentage of virtual enrollees is in the U.S., where the number of confirmed coronavirus cases topped 5 million, Johns Hopkins University reported Sunday. The parents of nearly a quarter of the almost 22,000 students enrolled in stateside DODEA schools selected distance learning for their children, officials said.

The lowest percentage of virtual students is at overseas schools in the Pacific region, where 10.4% of nearly 22,000 students will take class remotely, DODEA said.

Out of the 64 schools in DODEA's Europe and the Middle East region, Bahrain Middle/



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

**Samantha Sanchez** observes second graders in her Spanish class at Vogelweh Elementary School in Kaiserslautern, Germany, in February, weeks before classes moved online because of the coronavirus.

High School had the highest percentage of students, at 33%, who will receive virtual instruction this fall.

Bahrain has the world's sixth-highest per capita rate of confirmed coronavirus infections over the past seven days and the second-highest since the pandemic began its spread, data compiled

by The New York Times showed Monday.

In contrast, just one student out of 48 attending Livorno Elementary School in Italy has opted for distance learning, DODEA-Europe data show.

The only other DODEA schools in Europe with more than 20% of students enrolled in distance

learning are in the Kaiserslautern, Germany, area.

At Vogelweh Elementary School, 130 of the school's 458 students, or around 28%, will attend virtual school. Kaiserslautern Elementary and Kaiserslautern Middle schools are at 20.7% and 20.2%, respectively, for virtual school, data compiled by

DODEA-Europe show.

At Kaiserslautern High School, 12.3% opted for virtual learning, reflecting a trend for lower numbers of high school students registering for it in Europe than in the elementary grades.

The exception to that was in Bahrain, which is in DODEA's Europe-South region. The percentage there of elementary school students enrolled in virtual school, 28.9%, is four points lower than for middle and high schools.

The coronavirus pandemic first prompted DODEA officials to move classes online in the spring, and now to give parents the option of sending their children back to the classroom or continuing with remote learning.

In Italy, where the virus has been mostly contained after weeks of strict lockdowns in the spring, the percentage of virtual enrollees is about 10% or less. Only 15 of 273 students at Vicenza High School, or 5.5%, have opted for virtual learning in the fall, DODEA-Europe said. Vicenza Middle School stands out as an exception, with 13.6% of the school's 228 students set for distance learning.

DODEA gave parents until the end of July to decide if they wanted to enroll their children in virtual or in-class learning this fall. The new school year is expected to begin at most DODEA schools this month.

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## Stateside schools mull options amid air circulation concerns

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It has been seven years since the central air conditioning system worked at the New York City middle school where Lisa Fitzgerald O'Connor teaches. As a new school year approaches amid the coronavirus pandemic, she and her colleagues are threatening not to return unless it's repaired.

Her classroom has a window air conditioning unit, but she fears the stagnant air will increase the chances that an infected student could spread the virus.

"Window units just aren't going to cut it. We don't want to stay cool, we just want the air to flow properly," said O'Connor, a science teacher who has worked at the Patria Mirabal School in Manhattan since 2009. "We are really super stressed out about it."

Schools around the country are facing similar problems as they plan or contemplate reopening this fall, dealing with aging air conditioning, heating and circulation systems that don't work well or at all because maintenance and replacement were deferred due to tight budgets. Concerns about school infrastructure are adding momentum to plans in some districts, even in colder climates, to

take classes outdoors for the sake of student and teacher health.

Nationwide, an estimated 41% of school districts need to update or replace their heating, ventilation and cooling systems in at least half their schools, according to a federal report issued in June.

There is no evidence that the disease can spread through ventilation systems from one classroom to the next, according to Dr. Edward Nardell, a Harvard Medical School professor who specializes in airborne diseases. The danger, Nardell said, is from ineffective systems that don't remove floating viruses and let them linger in classrooms after they are expelled in an infected person's breath, sneeze or cough.

"Most schools are designed for comfort, not for infection control. So there is a danger that if you put 20 kids in a room, that if one of them has asymptomatic COVID and is infectious, you now have 19 more kids who are exposed," Nardell said. Healthy children almost always recover from COVID, if they become ill at all, but they can pass the disease to teachers, parents and other adults.

Nardell believes schools should consider installing ultraviolet lights along classroom ceilings, a technology some used in the 1950s and earlier to combat

measles, tuberculosis and other airborne diseases and that is still used in hospitals and homeless shelters. Viruses and bacteria are destroyed using a spectrum of UV light that is safe for humans. Manufacturers say the devices would cost \$3,000 per classroom.

Some, including Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, say one solution to air circulation problems may be teaching classes outdoors, which was done during tuberculosis and influenza outbreaks in the early 1900s, even in cold weather. The coronavirus spreads less efficiently outdoors and students could more easily sit 6 feet apart.

Having classes outdoors has other benefits, said Sharon Danks, CEO of Green Schools4America, a Berkeley, Calif., nonprofit that advocates for outdoor education. Children are actually less distracted and feel better emotionally when taught outdoors, she said.

"Nature has been shown to restore the ability to pay attention," she said.

Several schools in the Northeast have bought large event tents like those used at outdoor weddings and plan to use them to teach outside through November.

The White River Valley Middle School in Bethel, Vt., spent

\$50,000 on tents and another \$20,000 on port-a-potties, hand-washing stations and other equipment. While some schools have equipped tents with propane heaters, White River Valley Principal Owen Bradley said his students can handle the expected November daytime temperatures in the 30s without them.

Bradley said one upside will be an opportunity to help students better understand and appreciate nature.

"We hope they value it forever and help us save the planet," he said.

Schools bringing students back this fall will require or at least strongly suggest masks, but officials say they can only be so effective during six-hour school days indoors. Air circulation is needed.

Stephen Murley, the school superintendent in Green Bay, Wis., said most of his district's 42 campuses have older air systems. When there is high humidity, they are set to recirculate drier indoor air to prevent unhealthy black mold from growing on the walls — but battling the coronavirus requires fresh air.

"We have two things working at odds with each other," Murley said.

Janet Robinson, the superintendent in Stratford, Conn., said that some of her district's 13 schools were built between 80 and 100 years ago and aren't capable of handling modern air systems — "they are a challenge." There are also crowding issues — one has classrooms built for 15 students but that typically have 25, making proper social distancing impossible.

"It is kind of naive for politicians and whoever to say, 'Just bring (the students) in and keep them at 6-foot distance,'" she said.

Brian Toth, superintendent of the Saint Marys Area School District in northern Pennsylvania, said his district's five schools' air systems have no exit vents to circulate fresh air in and the virus out. He estimates it would cost at least \$600,000 per school to replace the systems. When his schools reopen Aug. 31, students will be asked to wear masks, but Pennsylvania law exempts children whose parents claim they have a physical or mental condition.

"You look at the way schools were built, nobody expected to have a classroom with a 6-foot radius around a student," Toth said. Instead, classrooms "pack them in like sardines and now we are facing the consequences."



## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Yokosuka increases health alert after 6 new cases

BY JOSEPH DITZLER  
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Yokosuka Naval Base, home of the 7th Fleet in Japan, increased its health protection level Monday as expected to reflect a substantial risk of coronavirus infection a day after reporting six new cases on base.

Japan observed Mountain Day, a national holiday, on Monday and case reporting was light. Sunday, the country reported 1,343 new infections, according to the World Health Organization.

In Tokyo, a surge in new cases that began in early July receded Monday, when the city reported 197 infections, the first daily total below 200 since July 27, according to public broadcaster NHK.

Okinawa reported 52 new cases on Monday, according to the Okinawa Times, citing prefectural authorities. The prefecture reported a pandemic one day record of 159 new patients Sunday, according to local news reports.

Mass testing at nightclubs and cabarets in the Matsuyama district of Naha city found 86 new cases on Sunday, the Okinawa Times reported on Sunday. One person died Sunday late night on nearby Miyako Island, the eighth death in the prefecture since the pandemic began and the first since July 8.

U.S. military bases in Japan reported just three new cases on Monday, one each at Misawa Air Base, Kadena Air Base and Camp Courtney, a reprieve from a month of cluster outbreaks and a continuous stream of new arrivals.

On Saturday, U.S. Army Japan reported a civilian affiliated with the command in western Japan had tested positive the day before. The patient, who was not further identified, fell ill Wednesday, was tested



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**Commuters wear protective masks near Kudanshita Station in central Tokyo last month. Yokosuka Naval Base has boosted its health protection level to Charlie a day after six new virus cases were reported.**

at a Japanese hospital and then placed on quarantine, according to an Army news release.

Yokosuka base commander Capt. Rich Jarrett imposed Health Protection Condition-Charlie to allow "time to analyze the developing trends with cases on base, as well as assess additional risks for spread" of the coronavirus, according to a video posted to the base's Facebook page Monday.

Jarrett on Sunday reimposed restrictions he had lifted in time for the Fourth of July weekend. Four clusters had developed

on base last week, he said in Monday's video message.

"While we have enjoyed a nearly two-month retreat of COVID-19 cases here on our base, the storm clouds for this virus have been gathering for a couple weeks now in the local area," Jarrett said in the video. COVID-19 is the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus.

"As of yet, we do not see any indication of broader community spread on the installation, but it will take some time to know if our actions were swift enough."

With the base moving to condition Charlie, Defense Department schools there will switch to virtual learning when school starts Aug. 24, according to an announcement by Yokosuka schools Monday on Facebook.

The Pacific East District of the Department of Defense Education Activity had offered parents and students concerned about the coronavirus the option of continuing to learn online, as they had in the spring when the pandemic took hold. Most students in the district opted for returning to physical classrooms.

However, DODEA announced recently that any base under condition Charlie would return to virtual learning. One other installation, the Army's Camp Zama near Tokyo, is also in the higher risk level.

The Yokosuka schools' Facebook post indicated more information would be coming Friday.

The six new cases announced Sunday at Yokosuka stem from contact with infected individuals, according to a base Facebook post. The sudden increase prompted the new round of restrictions and higher risk level at the base.

For Yokosuka personnel living off base, for example, exercise such as walking, running, biking and hiking is limited now to "sparsely populated and low traffic areas"

within 3 kilometers, a little less than 2 miles, from the person's residence.

For everyone affiliated with the base, dining out, except for takeout and outdoor dining, is prohibited.

The regulations apply to service members, Defense Department civilians, contractors and family members affiliated with Yokosuka.

The base is under a 50% workforce reduction "to the extent possible" and only essential activities or mission-essential activities in the off-base community are permitted, such as bill paying, medical and dental appointments and commuting to and from the base.

Elsewhere in Japan, Misawa Air Base, on the northern tip of the main island of Honshu, reported one new case on Monday.

The individual tested positive at the end of a mandated two-week quarantine after arriving on a government-chartered flight, according to a post on the base's Facebook page. That person is the only active case at Misawa and had no contact on the base or in the local community, the post said.

On Okinawa, Marine Corps Installations Pacific reported one new case Monday at Camp Courtney, according to a post on the command's Facebook page. The new case stemmed from contact with a previous case identified at the installation.

At Kadena Air Base, an employee at the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites tested positive, according to a post on the base's official Facebook page Monday. That person has been quarantined since experiencing symptoms Aug. 1, the message said. Kadena reported three others free of the virus after quarantine.

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## USFK eases restrictions; 5 more cases reported

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SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Forces Korea took a step toward normalcy on Monday, easing coronavirus restrictions and allowing people to go to Seoul for the first time in months.

The command lowered the health alert level nationwide beginning at 4 p.m. Monday despite continued cluster infections and imported cases.

Underscoring the concerns, USFK said Monday that five more people connected to the military had tested positive after traveling to the divided peninsula from the United States.

The three service members, a Defense Department civilian contractor and a civilian Department of Defense Education Activity employee arrived at Incheon International Airport on separate flights.

The command stressed they posed no risk to the broader community because of a strict testing and quarantine process that began immediately upon arrival.

Four of the individuals received positive results on their first mandatory test before entering

quarantine, while the fifth tested negative on his first test but later developed symptoms and tested positive, the press release said.

All five were transferred to an isolation facility for coronavirus patients, it said.

Citing South Korea's success in handling the virus, USFK announced Friday that it was lowering the health alert level to "Bravo" peninsula-wide, beginning Monday afternoon. Bravo indicates a moderate risk of infection, according to Defense Department guidelines.

However, the new policy immediately suffered a minor setback as Seoul's popular Namdaemun Market was designated off-limits again due to a local outbreak, according to a Facebook posting.

The command also stressed that personnel were still not allowed to go to bars, clubs and other adults-only establishments due to heightened risks posed by those facilities.

The military already had eased most restrictions in May but kept the South Korean capital off-limits except for people stationed there.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK



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A boy wears a mask while riding an amusement pier ride July 3 in Wildwood, N.J. The number of children infected with coronavirus grew in the last half of July.

## Cases among US children jumped 40% in late July

By JEFF SUTHERLAND  
Bloomberg

Coronavirus infections among U.S. children grew 40% in the last half of July, according to a report from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association, bringing the total number of child infections to 8.8% of all cases in the United States.

The report, which aggregates data from 49 states, comes amid heated debate over whether schools should reopen in the fall. While the surge of infections contradicts President Donald Trump's assertion that kids are "virtually immune," the data also

show that child infections make up a disproportionately small share of the overall outbreak in the U.S.

Many parents are eager to get their kids back in classes. Yet COVID-19 is still surging in much of the country, and there is conflicting data about how COVID-19 is transmitted to and from children. Some schools that have already resumed classes have experienced outbreaks amid scenes of kids crowded together without wearing masks, raising fears that a full nationwide reopening in September will cause a new spike of infections.

The study said that 97,078 new child cases were reported

from July 16-30, bringing the total number since the pandemic began to 338,982. The range of ages varied from state to state, with some including an age limit as high as 24.

California, Florida and Arizona had the highest number of total child cases in the U.S., with more than 20,000 each, the report found. By population, Arizona had the highest count, with more than 1,000 cases per 100,000 children, more than double the national average of 447.

Deaths among U.S. children from COVID-19 total 86, only 0.06% of total fatalities in the country and 0.03% of infections among children.

## Israeli jeweler makes \$1.5M gold, diamond-encrusted face mask

By ISAAC SCHARF  
Associated Press

MOTZA, Israel — An Israeli jewelry company is working on what it says will be the world's most expensive coronavirus mask, a gold, diamond-encrusted face covering with a price tag of \$1.5 million.

The 18-karat white gold mask will be decorated with 3,600 white and black diamonds and fitted with top-rated N99 filters at the request of the buyer, said designer Isaac Levy.

Levy, owner of the Yvel company, said the buyer had two other demands: that it be completed by the end of the year, and that it would be the priciest in the world.

That last condition, he said, "was the easiest to fulfill."

He declined to identify the buyer, but said he was a Chinese businessman living in the United States.

The glitzy-gold face mask may lend some pizzazz to the protective gear that is now mandatory in public spaces in countries around the world. But at over half a pound — nearly 100 times that of a typical surgical mask — it is not likely to be a practical accessory to wear.

In an interview at his factory near Jerusalem, Levy showed off several pieces of the mask, covered in diamonds. One gold plate had a hole for the filter.

"Money maybe doesn't buy everything, but if it can buy a very expensive COVID-19 mask and the guy wants to wear it and walk around and get the attention, he should be happy with that," Levy said.

Such an ostentatious mask might also rub some the wrong way at a time when millions of people around the world are out of work or suffering economically. Levy said that while he would not wear it himself, he was thankful for the opportunity.

"I am happy that this mask gave us enough work for our employees to be able to provide their jobs in very challenging times like these times right now," he said.

## Breaking down the details of Trump's 4 executive orders

By HEATHER LONG  
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump took the unusual — and controversial — step Saturday of attempting to provide additional economic relief to millions of Americans on his own, without the approval of Congress.

At his golf club in Bedminster, N.J., Trump announced he was postponing payroll taxes through the end of the year, extending the unemployment "bonus" at \$400 a week (down from \$600), helping people "stay in their homes" and waiving student debt payments through the end of 2020. The details, however, are not as generous as he made them sound.

He is ordering a payroll tax deferral, not a cut, meaning the taxes won't be collected for a while but they will still be due at a later date. On housing, he instructed key officials to "consider" whether there should be a ban on evictions. He also insisted that state governments pick up the tab for some of the unemployment aid.

It is likely Trump will face a legal challenge over these actions. The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power of the purse. Any changes to taxes or spending are supposed to come from Congress.

Here's a rundown of what Trump actually did. He said he signed four "executive orders," but in reality, only the one on housing is an actual executive order. The other three actions are marked as "memorandum," which carries less heft.

1. He delayed payroll tax collection for those making under \$104,000.

Trump instructed the U.S. Treasury to halt collection of payroll taxes from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31 for workers who earn less than \$4,000 every two weeks (that's people earning under about \$104,000 a year).

This will feel like a tax cut for a few weeks because workers will end up with larger paychecks while the tax is not collected. But it is technically a tax deferral, meaning the taxes will still be due at a later date.

The president called on Congress (and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden) to make the tax deferral a permanent tax cut, but Trump is acknowledging he does not have the power to cut taxes on his own. That would take action from Congress.

2. Unemployment aid is extended at \$400, with some help.

The United States currently has more than 30 million people on unemployment aid. They had been receiving an extra \$600 a

week from the federal government on top of their state aid (which averaged \$330 a week), but Congress set the federal funding to expire at the end of July. Democrats want to continue at the \$600 a week level. Republicans proposed \$200. They have yet to agree.

Trump's memo calls for federal aid to restart at a level of \$400 a week. But there's a catch: The federal government is only paying for \$300 of that. States have to kick in the other \$100. Many states are currently cash-strapped as they fight the coronavirus, and there's concern governors won't sign on to do this.

There are also a lot of legal questions about the money Trump is attempting to use to pay for this. He called for \$44 billion of funding from the Department of Homeland Security's Disaster Relief Fund that is normally used for hurricanes, tornadoes, and massive fires to be shifted over to unemployment.

"The basic notion here is the president is rejecting Congress's power of the purse," said David Super, a constitutional law expert at Georgetown Law. "That is something nobody who cares about separation of powers can let slide, even if they like what the money is being spent on."

3. Top officials can "consider" halting evictions.

The U.S. has about 110 million renters, and many have been hit hard by the layoffs in retail, restaurants and hospitality during the pandemic. Trump's executive order does little to help them.

Trump has said many times in recent days he wants to prevent evictions, but his latest executive order does not ban evictions. Instead, Trump calls for Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert Redfield to "consider" whether an eviction ban is needed.

Trump also didn't provide any more money to help renters. The executive order calls only for Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson to see if they can find any more funds to help out. It doesn't promise more aid.

4. Student loan payments are deferred until Dec. 31.

Trump's final memo waives all interest on student loans held by the federal government through the end of 2020 and allows people to delay payments until Dec. 31.

The Education Department does have the authority to defer or even cancel student loan payments to the federal government, says Alexis Goldstein of Americans for Financial Reform.



## VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

# Georgia school to shift online after infections reported

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Georgia high school plans to start the week with all classes shifting online after nine students and staff tested positive for the coronavirus when the school year opened last week with most students attending in-person.

North Paulding High School made headlines soon after students returned to school Aug. 3 when photos posted on social media showed hallways crowded with students, many of them not wearing masks. The school's principal notified parents Saturday that six students and three staff members had tested positive for the virus, though it's unknown if any were infected at school.

Now students will take online classes Monday and Tuesday, Paulding County Schools Superintendent Brian Ott said in a letter to parents Sunday. He said those two days will be used to clean and disinfect the school, and parents will learn Tuesday evening if in-person classes can resume later in the week.

In announcing the nine infections among students and staff, North Paulding High School principal Gabe Carmona wrote that each of them had been in the school building sometime in the prior week. But it was unclear whether the school would quarantine other students and staff who may have been exposed. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported it obtained the principal's letter from the school district.

## California

SACRAMENTO — The head of California's public health department resigned late Sunday, just days after the state announced a fix for a glitch that caused a lag in public health coronavirus test information that's used to make decisions about reopening businesses and schools.

Dr. Sonia Angell said she was departing from her role as director and state public health officer at the California Department of Public Health in a letter to state released by the California Health and Human Services Agency. Angell did not give a specific reason for her departure.

Sandra Shewry, vice president of external engagement for California Health Care Foundation, will fill the role of acting health director, the health and human services department said. Dr. Erica Pan, who was recently appointed state epidemiologist, will be the acting state public health officer.

Angell's announcement comes after California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said the glitch

caused up to 300,000 records to be backlogged, though not all of them were coronavirus cases and some could be duplicates. The problem affected the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange, also known as CalREDIE.

## Iowa

The refusal of Gov. Kim Reynolds to require Iowans to wear masks in public has prompted at least three cities and a county to adopt their own local ordinances, setting up what could be a legal battle over whether local officials have the authority to impose mask rules in the absence of a governor's mandate.

Local government control has also become an issue in Iowa as a few school boards have said they may refuse to abide by Reynolds' demands to send students back to classrooms if they feel it's unsafe due to coronavirus spread.

A court has not been asked to resolve these standoffs between Reynolds and local officials, but it appears likely as some local mask ordinances are set to take effect Monday.

Reynolds on Thursday again asserted her belief that cities and counties cannot implement mask orders unless she says they can.

## Kentucky

BARDSTOWN — Bourbon fans will be doing virtual toasts at this year's Kentucky Bourbon Festival.

The festival's board has shifted the event to a virtual experience because of the coronavirus. This was done to help protect the safety of distilleries and the health of bourbon fans and the Bardstown community, where the annual event is held, festival organizers said. This year's event is set for Oct. 15-18.

Bourbon fans will be able to go online to view nearly 20 live and recorded "Spirits Education Sessions," festival organizers said. All will require free registration to attend.

Virtual sessions will include a series featuring master distillers teaching the particulars of bourbon making.

## Nebraska

LINCOLN — Lincoln Police closed down a bowling alley over the weekend for violating the city's coronavirus restrictions after the owner vowed to fight the rules requiring people to wear masks in public places.

On Saturday, Lincoln Police enforced the local health department's order to close Madsen's Bowling & Billiards for violating



ERIN BORMETT, ARGUS LEADER/AP

Jake Gunderson boxes six packs of Skip Day, a specialty brew, Aug. 3 at Fernson Brewery in Sioux Falls, S.D. Breweries have had to adjust to changing conditions during the pandemic.

restrictions related to the coronavirus outbreak. Officials have said that employees at Madsen's Bowling & Billiards weren't wearing face coverings, patrons were told that masks were optional and people weren't far enough apart.

The bowling alley's owner, Benjamin Madsen, has challenged the city's health restrictions in court. The business was ticketed Saturday for violating a closure order by operating on Friday.

Officials with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department said Madsen's will remain closed until it submits a plan to comply with the health rules.

## South Dakota

SIoux FALLS — Blake Thompson and his fellow beer-makers at Fernson Brewing Co. had planned to use white cans for the Sioux Falls-based brewery's new hard seltzer.

But "everyone started canning like crazy," he told the Argus Leader. "I went on the phone and tried to order some cans and the guy was like, 'We can't get those until fourth quarter.'"

Fernson and other breweries in Sioux Falls are adjusting to shifting market conditions in the alcohol industry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consumers across the United States are buying more of their beverages from retailers and bringing the products home during the coronavirus pandemic, while taps remain quiet.

While the rush on product has allowed breweries who do retail sales to make up ground, it hasn't been enough to offset the losses suffered by taprooms and bars.

June bar sales more than doubled, reaching \$2.7 million. But compare that to June of 2019, when taxable bar sales tallied at \$5.7 million. In fact, for the four-

month stretch from March to June, the local taverns have lost \$9 million since the start of the crisis when comparing their sales to the same stretch last year.

## New Hampshire

New Hampshire's hospitals are hurting financially and bracing for cuts due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The state's hospitals collectively lost \$575 million in revenue between March and July, said Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, executive vice president of the New Hampshire Hospital Association. The group estimates hospitals will lose \$700 million by the end of the year. The Concord Monitor reported.

Alex Walker, chief operating officer at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, said the hospital laid off more than 70 employees last week, reduced hours for dozens of positions and froze hiring for all nonessential workers. The hospital expects to lose \$40 million by the end of next month.

## Massachusetts

Officials in a Boston suburb hit hard by the coronavirus are stepping up efforts to contain the disease.

Free coronavirus testing in Revere is being extended through Sept. 12, and a second testing site is expected to be announced Monday.

Officials this weekend were handing out masks at the beach, where crowds have been gathering in the heat, and encouraging people to keep their distance. The city is also broadcasting messages about the virus in English and Spanish.

Revere's daily positive testing rate is three times that of the average in Massachusetts, NBC Boston reported.

## Wisconsin

Epic Systems told its employees that they were not required to return to in-person work Monday at the health care records company based in Wisconsin.

The company had planned to start a phased approach to bringing employees into work. Wisconsin Public Radio reported the company informed its employees they changed that plan after Public Health Madison and Dane County questioned whether they would comply with guidance on preventing coronavirus infections.

Epic employs about 10,000 people, and about 4,200 had already returned last week to its campus located in Verona.

## West Virginia

GLEN JEAN — The New River Gorge National River is increasing access and services that were stopped in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The National Park Service is using guidance from federal authorities, as well as state and local health officials, as it continues to monitor the pandemic and increases access.

The park reopened access beginning Saturday to Grandview Sandbar Campground, Glade Creek Campground and Stone Cliff Campground. Backcountry camping, hiking trails, river and river access points, vault toilets at heavy visitor use areas and group picnic shelters at Grandview continue to be available.

Facilities that remain closed include visitor centers, vault toilets at less popular areas, group campsites and campgrounds at Army Camp, Brooklyn, Gauley Tailwaters, Meadowcreek, Thayer and War Ridge.

## NATION

# Higher profile for running mate pick

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For all the secrecy and speculation that typically surrounds the search for a vice presidential candidate, the decision rarely sways an election. But ahead of Joe Biden's imminent announcement, this year could be different.

At a minimum, the decision will shift the focus of the campaign — at least temporarily — away from Donald Trump's turbulent presidency onto Biden himself. That's not a place many Democrats are comfortable giving Biden's proclivity for gaffes and the persistent lack of excitement behind his candidacy.

More fundamentally, the choice offers Biden an unusual opportunity to unify a party still reeling from Trump's 2016 win and solidify its future. He's already committed to selecting a woman and is considering several Black women. And since the 77-year-old Biden has not committed to seeking a second term, his running mate could be strongly positioned to become the Democratic Party's political nominee in 2024 and shape national policies for the next decade.

Sen. Tim Kaine, of Virginia, Hillary Clinton's vice presidential nominee in 2016, said Biden's decision "may be the most closely held and personally driven vice presidential pick ever."

"Nobody knows this job better than Joe Biden and nobody did the job better than Biden, so he's gonna really court this one on his own," Kaine said in an interview.

He pushed back against those who discount the impact of running mates, estimating he



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**Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, soon to pick his running mate, has said publicly that Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, above, remains on his short list.**

added about 2 percentage points to Clinton's winning margin of 5 percentage points in Virginia.

While Biden has said a top priority is selecting someone who could step into the presidency on Day One, the politics of the moment have pushed the silver-haired white man to the brink of making history. He could become the first presidential nominee of a major party to select a woman of color. While he promised months ago to pick a woman, the

nation's reckoning with systemic racism has added pressure to pick a Black woman.

But it's not certain he will do so. Last weekend, he met privately with Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who's white. Biden has said publicly she remains on his short list. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who also is white, has also been a leading contender.

Biden's campaign has refused to comment on his search, but his team has been in recent contact with a small group of finalists that includes at least four women of color: California Sen. Kamala Harris, former national security adviser Susan Rice, California Rep. Karen Bass and Illinois Sen. Tammy Duckworth. Some were instructed late last week not to leave Washington, an indication that more in-person interviews, or an actual announcement, was imminent.

Most of the women don't have strong ties to a specific battleground state that might offer Democrats a geographic advantage this fall, which would represent a break from precedent to some extent. But Biden allies hope the historic nature of his pick might help energize two key Democratic constituencies: women and people of color.

Inside the campaign, some are privately skeptical that even a history-making pick would have a significant impact. There is a strong belief that after only a brief focus on Biden's running mate, the election would quickly return to being a referendum on Trump's presidency, which may be all the motivation Democrats need to drive massive turnout in November.

## Gas explosion levels 3 Baltimore homes

BALTIMORE — A "major gas explosion" destroyed three row houses in Baltimore on Monday, killing one person and injuring several others, the Baltimore Fire Department said. At least one person was trapped in the wreckage.

Firefighters converged on the disaster scene, where the natural gas explosion reduced the homes to piles of rubble. The fire department tweeted that two of the homes' occupants were taken to hospitals in serious condition, while a woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The firefighters' union tweeted that units were searching for other people.

## Earthquake hits NC, causes minor damage

SPARTA, N.C. — The most powerful earthquake to hit North Carolina in more than 100 years shook much of the state early Sunday, rattling homes, businesses and residents.

The National Weather Service in Greenville said the 5.1-magnitude tremor struck at 8:07 a.m., following a much smaller quake hours earlier. There were no reports of serious injuries, but some minor structural damage was reported in Sparta.

The U.S. Geological Survey said on its website that there are chances for aftershocks.

## Puerto Ricans angered by botched primaries

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Puerto Ricans demanded answers Monday after botched primaries forced officials to reschedule voting at centers laden with ballots, an unprecedented decision being called a blow to the U.S. territory's democracy.

The island's elections commission remained silent as anger and embarrassment spread across Puerto Rico one day after hundreds of voters were turned away from shattered centers for unknown reasons received. Ballots several hours late or never received them. It led many to worry that it has cracked Puerto Ricans' confidence in their government and could affect the outcome of upcoming November general elections.

## Police: 12 protesters arrested in Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Twelve protesters in Kentucky's largest city were arrested Saturday after they blocked roadways, surrounded vehicles, shot paintballs and destroyed property, police said.

Eight people were charged with felonies and four were charged with misdemeanors, Louisville police spokesman Sgt. Lamont Washington said in a statement.

Protests were held much of Saturday in Louisville, including an anti-eviction demonstration and a separate rally calling for action against the police officers involved in shooting Breonna Taylor, the newspaper reported.

From The Associated Press

# Protesters, police again clash at Portland union building

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A riot was again declared by authorities Sunday night in Portland when protesters marched to a police union building, blocked a road and set dumpster fires as officers work to quell nightly unrest in Oregon's largest city.

The protest was broken up almost as soon as it formed outside the Portland Police Association building — the same building where protesters were dispersed after a fire was started inside the union's offices the night before. Demonstrators had marched to the building from a nearby park. The road was blocked with fencing, and flames were seen rising

from dumpsters in the middle of the street.

Police began forcing the crowd of a couple hundred away from the building. While demonstrators were being dispersed, commercial-grade fireworks were thrown at officers, injuring two, police said.

Some protesters returned to the union building after officers cleared the area. Police said the road was again blocked with fencing and small fires broke out in the street. Multiple people were arrested, police stated, but specific details weren't immediately available.

Since George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, protests have occurred nightly in the city for more

than 70 days.

Demonstrations this past week have been violent. Many in the city had hoped for calm after federal agents withdrew more than a week ago.

Three officers were hurt, including two who were taken to a hospital, during the efforts to clear the crowd of several hundred people outside the union building late Saturday. The two hospitalized officers have since been released. Nine people were arrested during that protest, police said in an earlier statement.

Police arrested 24 people during demonstrations overnight Friday after they said people defaced orders to disperse and threw rocks, frozen or hard-boiled eggs

and commercial-grade fireworks at officers. Some demonstrators filled pool noodles with nails and placed them in the road, causing extensive damage to a patrol vehicle, police said.

The gatherings this past week have been noticeably smaller than the crowds of thousands who turned out nightly for about two weeks in July to protest the presence of U.S. agents sent by the Trump administration to protect the federal courthouse downtown.

The Portland Police Association is a labor union that represents members of the Portland Police Bureau. Its building is located about 5 miles north of the federal courthouse.

# Senator subpoenas FBI over Russia, defends Biden probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Ron Johnson said Monday that he has subpoenaed the FBI to produce documents to his committee related to the Trump-Russia investigation.

The Wisconsin senator also defended a separate investigation he is leading into Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and Ukraine, even as Democrats say the probe has the effect of amplifying Russian propaganda and as U.S. intelligence officials say they have assessed that Russia is working to denigrate Biden ahead of the November election.

Johnson's Homeland Security

and Governmental Affairs Committee is one of multiple Republican-led Senate panels scrutinizing the FBI's investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and Russia. Another, the Judiciary Committee, has released a series of documents in recent weeks aimed at discrediting the probe, including material on Sunday that the chairman, Sen. Lindsey Graham, said raised questions about whether the FBI had misled Congress about the accuracy of information it received during the investigation.

The subpoena demands that the FBI produce by Aug. 20 the records that it gave to the Justice Department inspector general's

office, which concluded in a report last December that the Russia investigation had been opened for a valid reason but that the FBI had made significant errors during its surveillance of a former Trump campaign adviser.

The FBI said in a statement that it had received the subpoena and that the bureau had already been producing documents and information for Johnson's committee. "As always, the FBI will continue to cooperate with the Committee's requests, consistent with our law enforcement and national security obligations," the statement said.

Johnson publicized the subpoena along with a more than

5,000-word open letter in which he sought to explain the basis for his scrutiny of the Russia investigation and to defend his Biden probe against allegations that he was amplifying Russian disinformation.

"I felt it was important to provide this explanation of my investigations because of the scattered and coordinated attacks on my efforts that I have interpreted as a 'brush back pitch' to deter my actions and preemptively marginalize my committee's findings," Johnson wrote in an email.

He said he was concerned that the media was preparing to taint his committee's findings as an extension of Russian propaganda.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man pleads guilty in purchase of 10 rifles

**NV** LAS VEGAS — Federal prosecutors said a Las Vegas man could face prison time after pleading guilty to making a straw purchase of 10 semi-automatic rifles.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Nevada said Ethan Erhardt, 37, pleaded guilty in connection with the February 2019 purchase.

According to the office, Erhardt falsely stated on a U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives form that he was the actual buyer of the guns, though he knew he would turn them over to another person who provided \$80,000 for the purchase.

The office said the case stemmed from an ATF investigation and is part of an initiative to reduce gun violence and enforce federal firearms laws.

## Man punches veteran over mask comment

**WA** SPOKANE — Spokane police said they've arrested the man accused of breaking a 72-year-old veteran's jaw in a hotel lobby.

KHQ-TV reported Spokane police said Cody P. Hansen, 35, was arrested at a home after receiving an anonymous tip.

The victim told police he made a comment to Hansen's girlfriend about not wearing a mask before being attacked. Hansen punched the 72-year-old, partially disabled veteran in the face multiple times.

King County prosecutors have charged Hansen with second-degree assault. His bail was set at \$10,000 for the assault arrest.

Hansen also has a warrant for his arrest out of Alaska for drug charges.

## Black bear tracks pizza scent, destroys car

**AK** JUNEAU — A black bear has destroyed a pizza near a state employee's car looking for food in a residential neighborhood, raising concerns from wildlife experts that the animal will have future encounters with people.

"I think it was the delicious smell of the pizza that drove the bear to the point where he could not resist the urge to eat the pizza," said Andrew Fairchild, who owns the car. "It's pretty totaled on the inside. The seat belt was ripped completely out. The panel where the stereo is ripped off."

Fairchild said there was no pizza in the car, but the bear likely smelled the scent on his job. "No playing favorites," Juneau Pizza said on Facebook. "If the bear wants a pizza, he has to call it in just like everyone else."

The bear destroyed the inside of the vehicle before returning into the woods.

## 7 cited for using illegal entrance into lake

**OR** KLAMATH FALLS — Seven people were cited for illegally entering the Crater Lake caldera, creating a



JACQUELINE DORMER, (POTTSVILLE, PA.) REPUBLICAN-HERALD/AP

## Ready for takeoff

A group dance performs on the M&T Bank Stage during the 6th Annual Artists in Motion Recital at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds in Summit Station, Pa., on Saturday.

hazardous situation and putting park staff at risk, officials said Saturday.

KOMO-TV reported Crater Lake National Park staff received a report Friday afternoon of multiple visitors in the caldera between Rim Village and Discovery Point. Law enforcement staff responded quickly to attempt to locate them, the park said.

Park officials said the Cleetwood Trail is the only safe and legal way to access the shore of Crater Lake.

"Climbing in the caldera at any other location is strictly prohibited," officials said. "The slopes are very unstable, and through the years, visitors have been seriously injured or even killed by illegally entering the caldera."

The group was eventually spotted near the shoreline below Rim Village. Seven people climbed out on their own and were cited.

## Tribes sue over state's gambling deal

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — Four Oklahoma tribes are asking a federal court to void gambling compacts between the state of Oklahoma and two other tribes — agreements that the Oklahoma State Supreme Court recently invalidated.

The Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Citizen Potawatomi Nations filed a lawsuit Friday in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., asking for a declaration that the U.S. Department of Interior violated federal law by allowing the agreements Gov. Kevin

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spent to buy it in 2013. "This coin is so valuable because it has been identified as perhaps the first piece made in silver" in the young United States, said Douglas Mudd, director of the American Numismatic Association museum in Colorado Springs, Colo., where the coin used to be displayed. Moreland said documents show the coin was one of 1,758 silver dollars struck in one day at the first U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. Perhaps 300 of those original silver dollars still exist, Mudd said, including about 100 circulating among collectors.

Stitt signed with the Comanche Nation and the Otoe-Missouri Tribe to take effect.

"While the Oklahoma Supreme Court has declared those agreements invalid under Oklahoma law, their validity under federal law must also be addressed to avoid damage to the integrity of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act," attorneys for the tribes said in a statement. "The Tribes filed this suit to protect IGRA's established framework and the Tribal operations conducted under it."

## Man pleads guilty to altering checks

**NH** CONCORD — A New Hampshire man has pleaded guilty in federal court to trying to cash stolen checks after picking a community mailroom lock, rummaging through packages, and leaving with some mail.

Prosecutors said a video surveillance camera showed a man picking the lock in January and taking

some of the items in the room.

Jon Daigle Jr., of Belmont, is accused of altering stolen checks and cashing or attempting to cash them at various banks in New Hampshire.

## Dam in historic 2015 floods to be repaired

**SC** LEXINGTON — Construction has begun to repair a historic dam nearly five years after it broke during the once-in-a-lifetime floods that swept through South Carolina in 2015.

Lexington's Old Mill Pond has stood empty since the flooding broke the pond's earthen dam and disrupted nearby businesses. The dam's owner has worked with the state Department of Health and Environmental Control to create plans for the pond, which include a walking trail, WLTX-TV reported.

The construction, which started this week, is estimated to take about four months.

## Restored Mayflower replica to return home

**MA** PLYMOUTH — A replica of the original Mayflower ship that brought the Pilgrims to America 400 years ago this year is returning home following extensive renovations.

The Mayflower II is slated to complete the final leg of its journey when it docks at Pilgrim Memorial State Park in Plymouth, Mass.

The 64-year-old historic reproduction is also expected to travel from New Bedford to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

The ship began the slow return home last month after spending the last three years in Mystic, Conn., getting \$11.2 million worth of renovations.

## Fish trap to open in October, largest in US

**WA** WHITE RIVER — The Army Corps of Engineers will complete a fish trapping facility 50 miles south of Seattle in October that will be the largest in North America.

The White River Fish Passage Facility will be able to handle an estimated one million salmon per year.

The \$131 million facility was built on the insistence of tribes and federal fisheries managers and will replace an old facility in the area that was only capable of trapping 20,000 fish per year, The Seattle Times reported.

From wire reports



## PACIFIC

## Azar's Taiwan visit adds to US-China strain

By JOHNSON LAI  
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A visit by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to Taiwan this week comes amid mounting tensions between Washington and Beijing, which claims Taiwan as its own territory to be annexed by force if necessary.

From the South China Sea to TikTok, Hong Kong and trade, China and the U.S. find themselves at loggerheads just three months ahead of the American presidential election. In a throwback to the Cold War, the two ordered tit-for-tat closures of consulates in Houston and Chengdu and rhetorical sniping has become a daily occurrence.

Washington likely exacerbated those frictions by sending Azar to Taiwan, making him the highest-level U.S. official to visit the self-governing island since formal diplomatic relations were severed in 1979 in deference to China.

Beijing has been ratcheting up pressure on Taiwan, but that's



U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, left, and Taiwanese Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung pose for a photo during a signing of a memorandum of understanding at the Central Epidemic Command Center in Taipei, Taiwan, on Monday.

just one area in which its increasingly assertive foreign policy and the accompanying push-back from Washington have taxed diplomacy on both sides.

Beijing has protested Azar's visit as a betrayal of U.S. commitments not to have official contact with the island. Azar's visit was facilitated by the 2018 passage

of the Taiwan Travel Act, which encouraged Washington to send higher-level officials to Taiwan after decades during which such contacts were rare.

"I would like to stress again that the Taiwan issue is the most important and sensitive issue in China-U.S. relations," Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said Monday. "What the U.S. has done seriously violated its commitment on the Taiwan issue."

Warmer American relations with democratic Taiwan are largely a result of strong bipartisan support in Congress, but also appear to show how the Trump administration is willing to defy Beijing's threats and promote an alternative to Chinese Communist Party authoritarianism.

At the start of Monday's meeting with Tsai, Azar said the island's success in dealing with COVID-19 was a "tribute to the open, transparent, democratic nature of Taiwan's society and culture."

An island of 23 million people, Taiwan moved swiftly and aggressively to contain the coronavirus and has recorded just 277 reported cases and seven deaths from the illness.

## China sanctions 11 US politicians, heads of organizations

Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Monday announced unspecified sanctions against 11 U.S. politicians and heads of organizations promoting democratic causes, including Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz, who have already been singled out by Beijing.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian on Monday said the 11 had "performed badly" on issues concerning Hong Kong, where China has cracked down on opposition voices following its imposition of a national security law in the semi-autonomous southern Chinese city last month.

The number of Americans named by the ministry exactly

equals the number of Hong Kong and Chinese officials placed on a sanctions list by the U.S. last week over the crackdown.

China showed its determination to defy such pressure on Monday by arresting leading independent media tycoon Jimmy Lai and raiding the publisher's headquarters.

"The relevant actions of the U.S. blatantly intervened in Hong Kong affairs, grossly interfered in China's internal affairs, and seriously violated international law and the basic norms of international relations," foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said at a daily briefing on Monday.

"China urges the U.S. to have a

clear understanding of the situation, correct mistakes, and immediately stop interfering in Hong Kong affairs and interfering in China's internal affairs."

Others named by the foreign ministry included Sens. Josh Hawley, Tom Cotton and Pat Toomey and Rep. Chris Smith. National Endowment for Democracy President Carl Gershman, National Democratic Institute President Derek Mitchell, International Republican Institute President Daniel Twining, Human Rights Watch Executive Director Kenneth Roth, and Michael Abramowitz, President of Freedom House, were also on the sanctions list, according to Zhao.



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Pro-China supporters display a picture of President Donald Trump during a protest, Saturday, against the U.S. sanctions outside the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong.



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## WORLD



Demonstrators rally after the Belarusian presidential election in Minsk, Belarus, late Sunday.

## Belarus' leader wins sixth term with over 80% of votes

By YURAS KARMANAU  
Associated Press

MINSK, Belarus — Election officials in Belarus said Monday that President Alexander Lukashenko has won his sixth consecutive term, taking more than 80% of the vote amid protests fueled by frustration with the country's deteriorating economy, years of political repression and the authoritarian incumbent's cavalier brushoff of the coronavirus threat.

Human rights groups said one

person was killed — which the authorities denied — and dozens were injured in a police crackdown on protests that followed Sunday's presidential election.

The country's central election commission said that with all ballots counted, Lukashenko, who has led Belarus for 26 years, took 80.23% of the vote and his main opposition challenger, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, had only 9.9%.

Opposition supporters believe the election results were rigged and planned to gather in Minsk for more protests Monday evening.

# Lebanon health minister: Cabinet resigns over blast

By BASSEM MROUE  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Lebanon's Cabinet has resigned over last week's devastating blast at the Beirut port, the health minister said, a decision that was made under pressure as several ministers quit or expressed their intention to step down.

The minister, Hamad Hassan, spoke with reporters at the end of a Cabinet meeting Monday, which came after two days of demonstrations over the weekend that saw clashes with security forces firing tear gas at protesters.

"The whole government resigned," Hamad said. He added that Prime Minister Hassan Diab will head to the presidential palace to "hand over the resignation in the name of all the ministers." The massive blast Aug. 4, which decimated the Beirut port and devastated large parts of the city has brought a new wave of public outrage at the government and

Lebanon's long entrenched ruling class. Protests were planned outside the government headquarters to coincide with the Cabinet meeting after large demonstrations over the weekend that saw clashes with security forces firing tear gas at protesters.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by a fire that ignited a 2,750-ton stockpile of explosive ammonium nitrate. The material had been stored at the port since 2013 with few safeguards despite numerous warnings of the danger.

The result was a disaster Lebanese blame squarely on their leadership's corruption and neglect. The blast killed at least 160 people and wounded about 6,000, in addition to destroying the country's main port and damaging large parts of the capital. Losses from the blast are estimated to be between \$10 billion to \$15 billion, and nearly 300,000 people were left homeless in the immediate aftermath.

Prime Minister Diab's Cabinet now assumes caretaker role until a new government is formed.

A Lebanese judge Monday began questioning the heads of the country's security agencies. Public Prosecutor Ghassan El Khoury questioned Maj. Gen. Tony Saliba, the head of State Security, according to state-run National News Agency. It gave no further details, but other generals are scheduled to be questioned.

About 20 people have been detained over the blast, including the head of Lebanon's customs department and his predecessor, as well as the head of the port.

On Sunday, world leaders and international organizations pledged nearly \$300 million in emergency humanitarian aid to Beirut in the wake of the explosion, but warned that no money for rebuilding the capital would be made available until Lebanese authorities commit themselves to the political and economic reforms demanded by the people.

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Film a major action installment during a pandemic? Director Christopher McQuarrie says it's

# MISSION: POSSIBLE

By JOSH ROTTENBERG  
Los Angeles Times

In each successive outing of the long-running "Mission: Impossible" franchise, star Tom Cruise and the rest of the creative team have looked for ever more daring ways to live up to the title, whether having Cruise's superspy Ethan Hunt scale the world's tallest building, Dubai's Burj Khalifa, in 2011's "Ghost Protocol" or staging a death-defying helicopter chase in 2018's "Fallout."

But of all the challenges the series has taken on, nothing quite tops a pandemic.

In an interview Aug. 6 from London, where he is in pre-production on the as-yet-untitled seventh installment, writer-director Christopher McQuarrie said the film had been two days away from shooting in Venice, Italy, in March when the coronavirus outbreak forced the evacuation of the city. Still, despite the mother of all production snafus, McQuarrie said the "Mission" team has been pressing ahead.

"We have a saying on this franchise — that disaster is an opportunity to excel," said McQuarrie, 51, who has helmed the past two entries in the series, 2015's "Rogue Nation" and "Fallout." "Any time we run into any sort of setback, we immediately look for ways that we can improve based on whatever time that setback affords us. ... Within 72 hours (of the shutdown), we had developed a new plan in terms of keeping pre-production going and keeping people employed and keeping the studio moving as much as we could."

The highest-grossing film in the "Mission" series — and, for that matter, of Cruise's entire career — "Fallout," the most recent installment, earned \$791 million worldwide. The film drew raves for its elaborately choreographed action sequences, including a motorcycle chase through the streets of Paris and a helicopter dogfight filmed in a remote and rugged part of New Zealand. But McQuarrie said that he and Cruise were ultimately less concerned with such eye-popping spectacle than with delivering emotional pyrotechnics.

"People think we obsess about stunts and all of the showing off," said McQuarrie, who made his breakthrough 25 years ago as the writer of the twisty 1995 crime thriller "The Usual

Suspects." "That's the contract we signed with you. That's the stuff we owe you when you show up to 'Mission: Impossible.' But that's actually not the stuff that we worry about. The stuff we worry about the most is: 'Do I care about this character? Do I feel stakes in this situation? Am I invested in this journey?'"

McQuarrie, who is set to direct the next two installments in the series, said that some level of care is now being applied to the challenge of mounting a big-budget action tentpole in the middle of a pandemic.

"You have to put in place protocols so that the crew is working in smaller groups so that if someone gets sick ... they can be taken out and not have to isolate the entire crew," the director explained. "It's masks on set, social distancing, frequent hand-washing, frequent COVID testing, everybody has their temperature checked before they come in and contact tracing. ... We've been very fortunate so far."

With such measures in place, McQuarrie is hoping to ramp up production again "very soon," though don't try to pin him down to an exact date. "I'm only not saying when because my fingers are crossed," he said. "I don't want to jinx it."

With all of Hollywood currently grappling with how to move forward amid a pandemic that shows no sign of ending, McQuarrie said that he is doing his best to roll with whatever happens.

"I had a very strong idea of what the beginning of this movie would be and I had a very strong idea of what the end of this movie would be, then a global pandemic came and that global pandemic has changed the way we make movies," he said. "So I know now that whatever I thought the movie was is not the movie. That doesn't panic me. That excites me. I go into it knowing every day I will be challenged."

**Christopher McQuarrie**  
"Mission: Impossible" director

Paramount Pictures photos

## Cowell to miss first 'AGT' shows after accident, surgery

Associated Press

Simon Cowell will miss the season's start of "America's Got Talent" live shows because of a back injury requiring surgery.

Cowell broke his back Aug. 8 while testing his new electric bicycle at his home in California and was to undergo surgery that evening, according to a spokesperson for the entertainment mogul.

He will be absent when NBC's "America's Got Talent" kicks off its run of live shows beginning Wednesday and Thursday on AFN-Pulse, the network said Sunday.

Cowell, who fell off the bike while in the courtyard with his family at his home in Malibu, created the talent show and serves as a judge. The show's other judges are Heidi Klum, Howie Mandel and Sofia Vergara, with Terry Crews as host.

He has also been a judge on "Britain's Got Talent," "The X Factor" and "American Idol."

## Former President Bush honors immigrants in new book

A new book by former President George W. Bush will highlight an issue which now sets him apart from many of his fellow Republicans — immigration.

Crown announced Aug. 6 that Bush's "Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants" will be published March 2. The book includes 43 portraits by the 43rd President, four-color paintings of immigrants he has come to know over the years, along with biographical essays he wrote about each of them.

Bush, who served as president from 2001-2009, has often praised the contributions of immigrants. As president, Bush supported a bipartisan immigration reform bill that narrowly failed to pass in 2007, with opposition coming from both liberals and conservatives.

"While I recognize that immigration can be an emotional issue, I reject the premise that it is a partisan issue. It is perhaps the most American of issues, and it should be one that unites us," Bush writes in the new book's introduction, noting that he did not want it to come out during the election season.

"My hope is that this book will help focus our collective attention on the positive impacts that immigrants are making on our country."

## Other news

■ A massive fire was ignited at celebrity chef **Rachael Ray's** New York home, authorities said. Firefighters responded to Ray's home in Lake Luzerne, N.Y., on Sunday evening, KQED-TV reported. The Warren County sheriff said there were no injuries.

■ Comedian **Andy Dick** filed a lawsuit in New Orleans on July 30 against the man who punched him last year outside a French Quarter nightclub. Dick, 54, said the punch by David Hale, 47, caused "serious, permanent and disabling injuries." He seeks compensation for medical expenses and lost wages, among other damages.

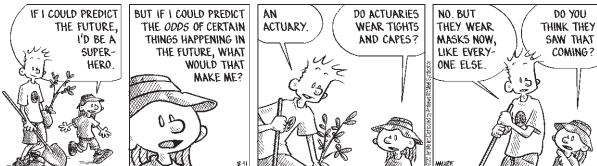
■ **Lorenzo Soria**, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and former editor of the Italian news weekly *L'Espresso*, died Aug. 7, in his Los Angeles home, the association said. He was 68.

■ **Franca Valeri**, an elegant, ironic and versatile actor who pioneered female comedy roles in Italy's post-war years and helped the nation laugh at its foibles, died Sunday at her home in Rome. She was 100.

Top: Director Christopher McQuarrie and star Tom Cruise appear during the "Mission: Impossible - Fallout" World Press Tour in 2018 in Seoul, South Korea. Inset: Cruise is known for performing stunts for the films. For "Fallout," Cruise flew a helicopter.



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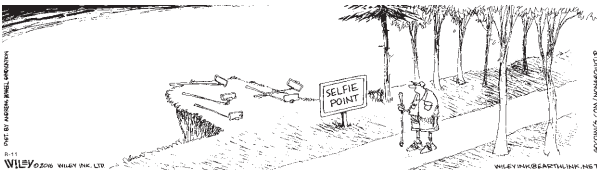
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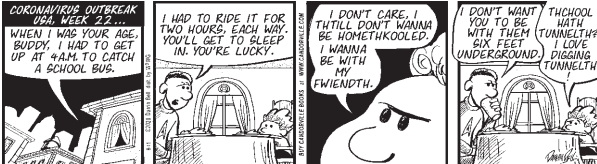
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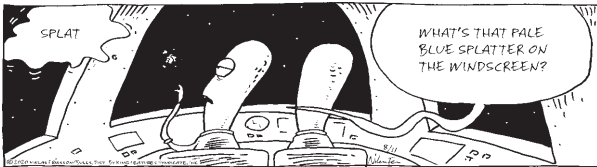
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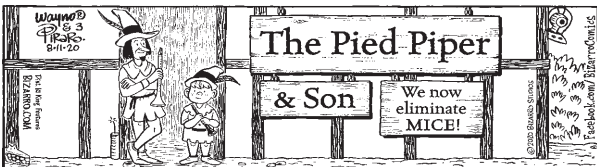
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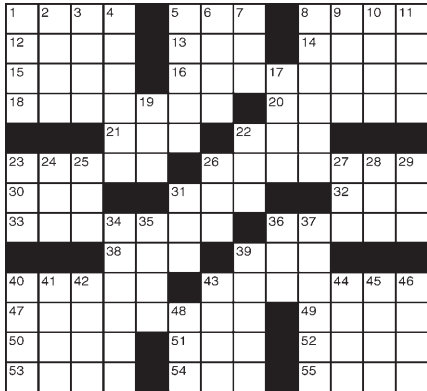
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- 15 Cupid's specialty
- 16 College group for women
- 18 Iced desserts
- 20 Tightly packed
- 21 Historic period
- 22 Misery
- 23 Road curves
- 26 Untangle
- 30 Ref
- 31 Fine, at NASA
- 32 ISP choice
- 33 Wizard's study
- 36 Octet count
- 38 U.K. fliers
- 39 Zero-star review
- 40 Early Mexican
- 43 Mira of "Mighty Aphrodite"
- 47 Grouch
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- 54 Earl Grey, for one
- 55 Whirlpool

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## OPINION

## Scowcroft was, above all, a realist

By RICHARD HAAS  
Special to The Washington Post

Brent Scowcroft's passing at 95 is a reminder of how far the United States has come — and, in some ways, fallen — since the early 1990s. He was one of the wise men who guided the United States through the Cold War, and he was someone who believed passionately that this country could be, and often was, a force for good in the world.

A military officer by training, Brent served as national security adviser to Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush, the only man who held the job twice. He was arguably our most effective national security adviser, and it is unsurprising that nearly all his successors have cited him as a role model.

Born in Utah in 1925, he graduated from West Point in 1947. A plane crash in 1949 ended his dream of becoming a fighter pilot. Instead, he went on to get a master's and doctorate in international relations, served as assistant air attaché in Belgrade, and later became military assistant to President Richard Nixon and then deputy to Henry Kissinger at the National Security Council. He went on to succeed Kissinger at the NSC under Ford, at which time he retired from the Air Force with the rank of lieutenant general.

There have been some two dozen national security advisers, some successful and others not. Brent seemed to have been born for the job. History shows just how difficult it is to do it well. Every person who holds the job must wear two hats. The first is to provide the president with advice from every corner of the govern-

ment on foreign policy problems. The right questions must be asked and answered rigorously. Meetings must be convened, issues debated, decisions reached, and then implemented and reviewed. A disciplined process can reduce the chance of major errors and promote consistency. As we have seen, the absence of such process can be disastrous.

But the national security adviser is also a private counselor to the president — someone who provides advice on all aspects of foreign and defense policy, free from departmental prejudices. The best who take the job tell the president what he needs to hear, not wants to hear. This may seem a cliché, but the willingness to do so is rarer than it should be.

It takes a human being with rare character to represent faithfully the views of others even when disagreeing with them. Brent was so skilled at this that personalities as strong as James Baker, Dick Cheney and Colin Powell were all comfortable with him making their case to Bush when circumstances warranted.

His temperament leaned to the conservative: He understood that any course of action might make a situation worse as well as better. Some might argue this led him to be too cautious, as in the former Yugoslavia in the early 1990s, where he feared the United States was heading down a path that would get it bogged down in that country's deep divisions. Such caution, though, seems understandable when one considers that the most costly errors of modern U.S. foreign policy — in Korea in 1950, when we moved north of the 38th parallel in an ill-advised attempt to reunify the peninsula

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Much of this sounds distant from America today, which is our loss. We could regain a great deal just by reminding ourselves of what Brent Scowcroft did and how he did it.

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## Moderates, beware: Your time is ending

By DAVID VON DREHLE

The Washington Post

Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr., D-Mo., was but a lad in 1969 when his father, the civil rights activist and union organizer Bill Clay, became the first Black man elected to Congress in Missouri history. Then wars began and ended, Nations and hemlines rose and fell. Bill Clay died. When at last he retired in 2001, his seat passed like an aristocratic title to his namesake, known as Lacy, who had by then reached middle age.

Lacy Clay is now 64, having added two decades to his father's long reign over Missouri's 1st Congressional District. Change, a dirty word around the House of Clay, finally arrived last Tuesday — a mighty gust by the name of Cori Bush, who beat Clay for the Democratic nomination.

Bush is a nurse and single mother who came to politics by way of protest. She marched in the streets of Ferguson, a St. Louis suburb, in 2014 after a police officer shot a young man, Michael Brown. She did not stop. Her 2018 challenge to Clay fell short; Bush just kept running.

When a machine as sturdy as the Clay operation conks out, it's generally a sign that someone became a bit too comfortable. Membership in Congress is an endless campaign: There's always another election looming. Most close observers of Lacy Clay would agree that he probably underestimated the danger posed by a dynamic foe with a sharp agenda.

But Bush is also riding a wave of political energy from the leftward frontier of the Democratic Party. She did to Clay what Jamaal Bowman did to 16-term Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., in Congress last month, what Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez did

to 10-term then-Rep. Joe Crowley, D-N.Y., of Queens in 2018. A new generation of Democrats is not content to wait in line for seats that somehow never open up. They are making their own openings.

One need not share their politics to appreciate the appeal of these energetic progressives. American government has not exactly cloaked itself in glory the past few years' deep divisions. Such caution, though, seems understandable when one considers that the most costly errors of modern U.S. foreign policy — in Korea in 1950, when we moved north of the 38th parallel in an ill-advised attempt to reunify the peninsula

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That spirit animated U.S. politics around the turn of the century. Bill Clinton, with his New Democrat movement, extolled midway solutions to political stalemates. From the GOP came an echo in the "compassionate conservatism" of George W. Bush. Barack Obama sounded distinctly Hegelian when he preached: "There is not a liberal America and a conservative America — there is the United States of America."

No such energy animates moderation today. The passion in politics comes from the extremes, heated over the flames of social media and cable television. Today's most prominent moderate, Joe Biden, offers moderation as a salve rather than a solution — a balm to cool the body politic after four years of Trumpian abrasion.

Moderation lives or dies by results, and, frankly, we moderates have underdelivered. The middle class has not grown. Health care is not cheaper. Liberal democracy has not triumphed around the world. Yet, given the dangerous polarization of contemporary politics, now's not the time to assume that moderates will always have a seat at the table. We've got to work for it.

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# Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons

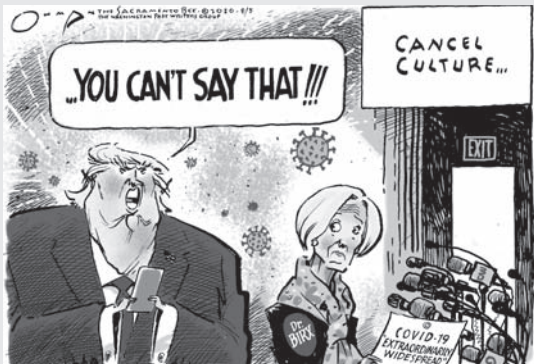


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NHL

# Surprising playoffs move into next stage

BY STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

Derek Stepan gave some words of advice to his Arizona Coyotes teammates not used to the bright lights of playoff hockey.

"It's the best time of the year to be playing," he said.

The time of year is different than usual, but the NHL's Stanley Cup playoffs haven't lost any of their luster or penchant for surprises.

After a qualifying round full of upsets, overtime heroics and comebacks, the traditional first round that starts Tuesday with 16 teams left is primed to feature even more entertainment and unpredictability.

"It's wild," said Barry Trotz, whose New York Islanders will next face the Washington Capitals he coached to the title in 2018. "It's made for TV, really. We didn't know what was going to happen. We knew that there was going to be some strange things happen in this strange, unusual time and format. But it's captivating."

The Chicago Blackhawks that ranked 23rd out of 31 teams in the regular season are still playing, along with the Montreal Canadiens, who were 24th and not given much hope of moving on.

Chicago has a tough task against the Western Conference No. 1 seed Vegas, and Carey Price's Canadiens face the Philadelphia Flyers that earned top billing in the East by going 3-0 against Boston, Tampa Bay and Washington.

"It was a tall task to get that No. 1 seed and we did it," Flyers defenseman Shayne Gostisbehere said. "We came in here and have been strictly business. I think for us to go out there and get three big wins in a row and get that No. 1 seed is huge for us."

In a very 2020 turn of events, the Bru-



NATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**Blue Jackets goaltender Jonas Korpisalo, left, celebrates with Vladislav Gavrikov after Columbus defeated the Maple Leafs on Sunday in Toronto to advance in the playoffs.**

ins that won the Presidents' Trophy as the top regular-season team went winless since the restart and now must take on the Carolina Hurricanes that swept their way to this point. It's a rematch of the 2019 East final but with Carolina looking more prepared for this showdown.

"They swept us last year, which definitely is going to be good opportunity for us to kind of give back what they gave us last year," Hurricanes forward Nino Niederreiter said.

The Hurricanes, Islanders and Golden Knights look scary, the Lightning could be without top players Steven Stamkos and Victor Hedman for at least the start of their series, and the Bruins and Blues that met in last year's Cup Final haven't recap-

tured the dominance they showed until the season was halted in March and combined to go 0-6.

"It doesn't matter what seed you're in because you've got to beat every team anyways if you want to advance," Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask said. "It's over now and start real hockey."

Half of the remaining field has been playing real hockey for more than a week now. After knocking off the Nashville Predators, captain Oliver Ekman-Larsson said the Coyotes are "up for the challenge" of taking on the Colorado Avalanche. The Canucks and Flames should also be feeling good after emotional series victories, though Vancouver must face an angry St. Louis bunch that blew leads in all three

games.

"We're not playing aggressive enough in my opinion," Blues coach Craig Berube said. "Getting the real thing going here will be important, for sure."

It's all best-of-seven until the Stanley Cup is handed out in late September or early October, though the prospect of playing in quarantined bubbles in Toronto and Edmonton could change the psychological dynamic of the playoffs.

"It's one of those years it's easier once you're down to say, 'Well, I do miss my kids, it's not our year,'" Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said. "You can sort of have that in the back of your mind and certainly some players are going to go through it, and that's why I feel that maybe some series will be closed out quicker than previous years."

Only one qualifying round series went to a deciding Game 5: Columbus beat Toronto 3-0 Sunday night, the third shutout in the series that also featured each team erasing a 3-0 deficit and winning in overtime.

"Stretches we played really well," coach John Tortorella said of the qualifying series. "You know, as you keep moving on, the hockey gets more into a grind. We're playing Tampa, a very good hockey club with lots of weapons."

Over nine days, 44 games showed why the league and NHL Players' Association worked hard to resume the season, and that was just the start of summer hockey madness.

"I'm sure it'll continue," Flames coach Geoff Ward said. "Everybody's healthy and there's been extreme parity, but all the teams are playing extremely, extremely hard and that makes for whoever you play a very tough out and a very tough opponent. And I think as these playoffs go on, you're just going to see more of the same."

## Scoreboard

### Stanley Cup qualifiers

**(Best-of-five)  
EASTERN CONFERENCE  
At Toronto**  
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 0  
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 2  
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 1  
Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 1  
N.Y. Islanders 3, Florida 1  
N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 2  
N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 2  
N.Y. Islanders 5, Florida 1  
Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT  
Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 2  
Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 3  
Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 0  
Columbus 2, Toronto 2  
Columbus 2, Toronto 0  
Columbus 4, Toronto 3, OT  
Columbus 2, Toronto 1  
Sunday: Columbus 3, Toronto 0

**(determines playoff seeding)  
At Philadelphia 4, Boston 1  
Philadelphia 3, Washington 2, SO  
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2  
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1  
Sunday: Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 1  
Sunday: Washington 2, Boston 1**

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**At Edmonton**  
Chicago 6, Edmonton 1  
Chicago 6, Edmonton 4  
Chicago 4, Edmonton 3  
Chicago 4, Edmonton 2  
Calgary 3, Winnipeg 1  
Calgary 4, Winnipeg 1  
Calgary 6, Winnipeg 2  
Calgary 4, Winnipeg 0  
Arizona 3, Nashville 1  
Arizona 4, Nashville 1  
Arizona 3, Nashville 1  
Arizona 3, Nashville 1  
Minnesota 3, Vancouver 0  
Vancouver 4, Minnesota 3  
Vancouver 3, Minnesota 1  
Vancouver 4, Minnesota 3, OT  
Sunday: (determines playoff seeding)  
Colorado 2, St. Louis 1  
Colorado 5, Dallas 1  
Colorado 4, Dallas 0  
Las Vegas 6, St. Louis 4  
Las Vegas 4, Colorado 3  
Sunday: St. Louis 2, Dallas 1, SO

### Sunday

#### Capitals 2, Bruins 1

Boston 0 0 1-1  
Washington 1 0 1-2  
First Period—1, Washington, Oshie 1, 19:44.  
Third Period—2, Washington, Wilson 1 (Kempny, Kovalchuk), 2:49, 3, Boston, DeBrusk 1 (Kase, Krejci), 10:30.  
Shots on Goal—Boston 6-10-15-31.  
Washington 2-13-10—25.  
Power-play opportunities—Boston 0 of 2; Washington 0 of 2.  
Goals—Boston, Rask 0-2-0 (25 shots-23 saves), Washington, Holty 1-1 (31-30).  
A=0 (18,819), T=2:30.

#### Blue Jackets 3, Maple Leafs 0

Columbus 1 0 2-3  
Toronto 0 0 0-0  
First Period—1, Columbus, Werniski 2, 6:29.  
Third Period—2, Columbus, Foudy 2 (Jones, Nyquist), 11:40, 3, Columbus, Follong 2, 19:37.  
Shots on Goal—Columbus 7-8-7-22.  
Toronto 6-13-14-33.  
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 2; Toronto 0 of 1.  
Goals—Columbus, Korpisalo 3-0-3 (33 shots-33 saves), Toronto, Anderson 2-3-1 (21-19).  
A=0 (18,819), T=2:17.

#### Stars 2, Blues 1 (SO)

Dallas 0 0 1-2  
St. Louis 1 0 0-1  
Dallas won shootout 1-0  
Shootout—Dallas 1 (Gurianov), St. Louis 0.  
Shots on Goal—Dallas 6-4-7-0-17. St. Louis 10-2-0-12.  
Power-play opportunities—Dallas 0 of 1; St. Louis 0 of 3.  
Goals—Dallas, Khudobin 1-1-0 (13 shots-12 saves), St. Louis, Allen 0-1 (19-18).  
A=0 (18,641), T=3:00.

## Roundup

# Blue Jackets advance with shutout

Associated Press

TORONTO — Goalie Jonas Korpisalo and the Columbus Blue Jackets proved how they learned their lesson about holding three-goal leads.

They're advancing to the first round of the NHL playoffs because they weren't going to squander one for a second time in three days.

Korpisalo stopped 33 shots, Zach Werenski's floater from the left point in the first period held up as the winner, and the Blue Jackets defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-0 win in a decisive Game 5 on Sunday night.

There's no quit whatsoever in this team," Blue Jackets captain Gustav Nyquist said in the team putting behind blowing a three-goal lead over the final four minutes of a 4-3 overtime loss in Game 4 two nights earlier.

"That was a wild game obviously, the last game. This is kind of what we do, like you know we do it the hard way and we get it done," he added. "It feels good to win so we can put that little debt behind us."

Liam Poudy sneaked in a shot from a bad angle with 8:20 remaining, and captain Nick Foligno sealed the victory by scoring into an open net with 23 seconds

remaining to close a rollicking best-of-five series in which the teams first traded shutout wins, and the Blue Jackets overcame a 3-0 deficit in a 4-3 OT win in Game 3.

"It's a group that we don't do it easy, the easy way," coach John Tortorella said. "As I said to you guys earlier today, we just try to go out and play. I'm proud them."

Werenski played despite not being able to finish Game 4 with an apparent upper body injury. And Korpisalo posted his second shutout of the series, while getting the start after Elvis Merzlikins was ruled to be unfit to play.

The Maple Leafs ran out of offense with captain John Tavares misfiring by hitting the post while facing a wide-open side in the first period. Frederik Andersen stopped 19 shots, and was caught cheating to his right in giving up Foudy's goal from a bad angle.

Columbus advances to the first round, where it will meet the second-seeded Tampa Bay Lightning in a rematch of last year's first-round series. The Blue Jackets swept the President's Trophy-winning Lightning in four games a year ago in their first playoff series victory in franchise history.

**Capitals 2, Bruins 1** T.J. Oshie and Tom Wilson scored,

Braden Holtby made 30 saves and Washington beat Boston to clinch the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference and set up a first-round matchup against former coach Barry Trotz's New York Islanders.

Boston, which won the Presidents' Trophy as the top team during the NHL regular season that was cut short in March, lost all three of its seeding games and fell to fourth in the East. The Bruins will face the Carolina Hurricanes in the first round in a rematch of the 2019 East final.

**Stars 2, Blues 1 (SO)** Joe Pavelski tied it with 31.4 seconds left in the third period, Anton Khudobin stopped all three shots he faced in the shootout and Dallas beat St. Louis to clinch the No. 3 seed in the Western Conference.

Denis Gurianov scored the only goal of the shootout.

Dallas will face Calgary in the first round of the playoffs. Defending Stanley Cup champion St. Louis went winless in the round robin and will next face Vancouver.

Khudobin made 12 saves in regulation and overtime for the Stars.

Blues backup Jake Allen stopped 18 of the 19 shots he faced in his first action of the NHL's restart.

# NAB SCOREBOARD

## American League

	East	West	Pct	GB
New York	10	6	.625	—
Toronto	9	7	.560	2 1/2
Baltimore	9	7	.500	2
Toronto	6	9	.400	3 1/2
Minnesota	10	6	.625	—
Detroit	8	5	.615	1 1/2
Cleveland	8	6	.568	1 1/2
Kansas City	8	8	.500	2
Chicago	8	10	.412	3 1/2
Oakland	12	4	.750	—
Texas	8	8	.500	1 1/2
Houston	6	9	.400	5 1/2
Philadelphia	4	10	.282	6 1/2
Los Angeles	11	11	.313	7

## National League

	East	West	Pct	GB
Atlanta	11	6	.643	—
Miami	7	9	.438	3 1/2
New York	7	9	.438	3 1/2
Philadelphia	7	9	.438	3 1/2
Washington	7	7	.364	4
Chicago	10	3	.769	—
Milwaukee	6	7	.462	4
St. Louis	6	7	.462	4
Cincinnati	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Colorado	11	5	.682	1 1/2
Los Angeles	11	5	.682	1 1/2
San Diego	9	5	.643	2 1/2
Philadelphia	7	10	.400	3 1/2
Arizona	7	10	.375	5 1/2

## Saturday

Detroit 11, Pittsburgh 5	11	5	.682	1 1/2
St. Louis 5, Atlanta 0	5	0	.643	2 1/2
Baltimore 5, Washington 3	5	3	.438	3 1/2
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 1	4	1	.438	3 1/2
Philadelphia 5, Miami 2	5	2	.438	3 1/2
Colorado 5, Seattle 0	5	0	.682	1 1/2
San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 4	5	4	.643	2 1/2
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, p.p.d.				
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees 3	3	0	.438	3 1/2
Detroit 2, St. Louis 1	2	1	.438	3 1/2
Boston 5, Toronto 3	5	3	.438	3 1/2
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 2	4	2	.500	2
Texas 5, L.A. Angels 3	5	3	.643	2 1/2
Seattle 3, Colorado 3	3	3	.500	2
Detroit 7, Houston 2	7	2	.643	2 1/2
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 4	5	4	.643	2 1/2
Los Angeles 10, Atlanta 7	10	7	.682	1 1/2
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2, 7th inning, 1st game	5	2	.682	1 1/2
Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 0, 7th inning, 2nd game	8	0	.682	1 1/2
Atlanta 5, Miami 2	5	2	.682	1 1/2
Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 3	9	3	.682	1 1/2
N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 2	4	2	.643	2 1/2
San Diego 9, Arizona 5	9	5	.643	2 1/2
Los Angeles 5, Washington 3	5	3	.643	2 1/2
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, p.p.d.				

## Sunday

San Diego 9, Arizona 5  
Baltimore at Washington, sus.  
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, p.p.d.

Monday's games

Chicago White Sox at Detroit  
Tampa Bay at Boston  
Minnesota at Milwaukee  
Seattle at Texas  
San Francisco at Houston  
Oakland at L.A. Angels  
Atlanta Philadelphia  
Washington at N.Y. Mets  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis  
Arizona at Colorado  
San Francisco at Houston  
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, p.p.d.

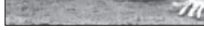
Tuesday's games

Miami at Toronto  
Kansas City at Cincinnati  
Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees  
Baltimore at Philadelphia

## Dodgers 6, Giants 2

Washington at N.Y. Mets  
Minnesota at Milwaukee  
Arizona at Colorado  
San Francisco at Houston  
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers  
Oakland at L.A. Angels  
Seattle at Texas  
Tampa Bay at Boston  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, ppd.

**Sunday**  
**Dodgers 6, Giants 2**



Cleveland's Jose Ramirez scores on Delino DeShields' sacrifice bunt during the 10th inning Sunday.

## Indians 5, White Sox 4 (10)

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Hernandez 2b	4	0	2		Garciara ss	5	0	0	
Ramirez 3b	5	1	1		Montanez 3b	4	1	1	
Linor ss	4	0	1		Grandal 1b	4	0	1	
C.Santana 1b	2	0	0		Abrun lf	4	1	1	
Reyes dh	4	0	1		Jimenez lf	4	0	0	
DeShields ph-dt	0	1			Mazara rf	2	1	0	
D.Santana rf	0	0			Robert cf	4	0	0	
Freeman lf	5	1			McCann c	4	1	3	
McCarthy p	0				Golds p	4	0	0	
Leon c	1				Mendenick 2b	3	0	0	
Zimmer cf	3								
Totals	35	5	5		Totals	35	4	6	5
Cleveland	002	000	000	2	Chicago	001	002	000	2
DP—Cincinnati (2), LOB—Cleveland 10, Chicago 5.									
2B—Freeman (1), Hernandez (2), Reyes (4), (2), Granda (3), Moncada (4), HR—Abrun (3), McCann (3), S—DeShields (1).									
Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Blatter	6	4	4	3	3	2			
Karinach	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Wittgen	1	0	0	0	0	2			
Martin, W-1	1	0	0	0	0	2			
Hand, L-1	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Peterson 5	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Marshall, BS-0	1	1	1	1	1	2			
Duval ph-dt 1	1	1	1	1	1	2			
Conder, L-1	1	0	0	0	0	0			
HPB—Coleman (Zimmer), T—32.									

## Braves 5, Phillies 2 (7)

Braves 5, Phillies 2 (7)									
First game					Philadelphia				
Atlanta					Philadelphia				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Acuna Jr. rf	4	1	1	2	Hasely if	1	0	0	0
Swanson 1b	3	1	1	0	McCltch ph lf	2	0	0	0
Freeman 1b	4	1	3	0	Hoskins 1b	2	0	0	0
Ozuna lf	3	1	1	0	Harper p	3	0	0	0
Melanco p	0	0	0	0	Gregorius ss	3	0	0	0
Markakis dh	1	0	0	0	Segura 3b	2	0	0	0
Duval ph-dt 2	0	0	0	0	Gooden p	4	0	0	0
Camargo 3b	3	0	0	0	Walker 2b	2	1	1	0
Flowers c	3	0	0	0	Quinn cf	3	1	1	0
McCarthy c	3	0	0	0	Knapp c	3	1	1	0
Inchastic 2b	0	0	0	0	Realtino ph	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	9	5	5	Totals	22	3	2	2
Atlanta					000	050	0	0	5
Philadelphia					001	010	2	0	0
DP—Atlanta 0, Philadelphia 2. LOB—Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Ozuna (4), Freeman (4), Duval (2), Quinn (1). HR—Ozuna (2), SB—Segura (1). SF—McCutchen (1).									
IP					H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta									
Yankees 2 1/2									
Matzek W-2									
Swanson S 1									
Smith H 1									
Tomlin H 1									
Melanco S-3									
Atlanta 4									
Guerra L-1									
Seattle at Texas									
Tampa Bay at Boston									
Bourgeois at St. Louis, p.p.d.									
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Lasquez pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.									
Velazquez (Swanson), WP—Matzek, T—59.									

## Braves 8, Phillies 0 (7)

Atlanta	at	r	h	bi	
Acuna Jr. cf	4	2	4	3	
Swanson 1b	3	1	0	0	
Freeman 1b	4	3	3	3	
Ozuna dh	4	0	2	1	
Markakis rf	4	0	0	0	
McCarthy p	0	0	0	0	
Riley 3b	4	1	0	0	
Camargo 2b	4	0	0	0	
Totals	35	8	14	4	
Atlanta	0	0	2	4	
DP—Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 6, 2B—Zunino (4), Freeman (4), Duval (2), Quinn (1), Acuna Jr. (2), SB—Freeman (3), Acuna Jr. (2), S—Hernandez (1), HR—Freeman (3), Acuna Jr. (2), S—Hernandez (1).					
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta					
Fried W-3	5	4	0	1	6
O'Day	1	0	0	0	1
Soboka	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia					
Howard L-1	4 1/3	7	4	4	1
Kelley	1 1/2	4	3	3	2
Davis	1	0	0	0	1
Kelley pitched to 5 batters in the 6th.					
HPB—Hoskins (T), T—23.					

## Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 3

Toronto					Boston				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Biggio 2b	3	1	1		Verdugo rf	4	0	0	
Bichette ss	4	1	1		Devers 3b	4	1	1	
Shaw 3b	4	0	0		Martinez dh	4	0	0	
Hernandez rf	4	1	0		Bogartas ss	3	1	0	
Gurriel lf	4	0	2		Moreland 1b	4	2	2	
Guerrero jr 1b	4	0	1		Vazquez c	3	0	0	
Grichuk cf	4	0	0		Benintendi lf	4	0	0	
Teller dh	4	0	0		Pillar ph-rf	1	0	0	
McGuire c	3	0	0		Bradley rf	2	1	0	
					Pearce ph-2b	2	0	0	
					Lin c-2b	2	0	0	
Totals	34	6	3		Totals	30	5	4	
Toronto	001	001	000		Boston	011	001	002-5	
E—Shoemaker 2 (2), Verdugo (1), Martinez (1), Bogartas (1), Hernandez (2), Guerrero Jr. (1), Grichuk (1), Teller (1), McGuire (1), DP—Toronto 1, Boston 2, HR—Hernandez (4), HR—Biggio (4), Bichette (2), Moreland (2), (6), Devers (2), S—Lin (1).									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Toronto									
Shoemaker	6	3	3	3	2	0			
Toledo	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Hatch L-1	1½	1	2	2	1				
Boston									
Gooden	6	6	3	3	10				
Osch	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Brice	1½	0	0	0	0	2			
Mays W-1	1	0	0	0	0	2			
WP—Ewald, T—24.									

## Rangers 7, Angels 3

Los Angeles				Texas						
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h		
Fletcher ss	5	0	1	0	Choo lf	4	0	1		
La Stella 1b	4	1	1	2	Heinemann cf	0	0	0		
Trouf c	4	0	0	0	Kin-Rafaela 3b	4	0	1		
Ottani dh	3	1	2	2	Fraser 1b	4	0	0		
Wendon 3b	4	0	0	0	Gallo rf	4	0	0		
Goodwin lf	2	0	1	1	Solak lf-rf	4	3	2		
Ward ph-lf	1	0	0	1	Ord 2b	4	1	1		
Adell rf	4	0	0	0	Andrus ss	4	1	2		
Gooden p	4	0	0	0	Reford dh	4	0	0		
Castro c	3	1	0	0	Reynolds dh	3	1	1		
Renfgo 2b	3	1	0	0	Clouph ph-dh 1	0	0	0		
Totals	32	6	3	6	Matthis c	3	1	1		
Los Angeles	000	021	000		Totals	35	7	10		
Texas	000	021	000		Totals	000	021	000		
DP—Los Angeles 1, Texas 0, LOB—Los Angeles 5, Texas 4, 2B—Castro (3), Ottani (2), Fletcher (3), HR—La Stella (1), SB—Matthis (1).					IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles										
Heaney, L-1	3 1/2	8	5	5	4					
Buchter	1	0	0	0	1					
Robles	1 1/2	1	1	1	1					
Burns	1 1/2	1	1	1	1					
Buttrey	1 1/2	0	0	0	0					
Texas										
Lynn, W-2	5	4	2	2	3					
Velazquez	1	1	0	0	2					
Rodriguez, H-2	1	0	0	0	2					
Martin, H-2	1	0	0	0	2					
Castro c	1 1/2	2	2	2	0					
Hernandez	3	0	0	0	1					
Hayers pitched to 3 batters in the 5th.										
WP—Heaney, Buttrey, T—36.										

## Astros 2, Rangers 1

Buttrey	2/3	0	0	0	0		
Texas							
Altuve 2b	5	4	2	2	3		
Volquez	1	1	1	1	0		
Rodriguez, H	1	1	0	0	1		
Martinez, H	1	0	0	0	1		
Hergert, H	2/3	0	0	0	1		
Hernandez	1	0	0	0	0		
Mayers pitched 3 1/3 batters in the 5th							
WP--Heaney, Buttrey, T--3-36.							
Athletics 7, Astros 2							
Houston							
ab	r	h	bi	Oakland			
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	Semien ss	4	2	1
Reddick 1b	4	2	2	Lauraonc c	4	1	1
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	Pinder pr-if	0	0	1
Brantley dh	3	1	1	Olson 1b	4	1	1
Gurriel 2b	3	1	2	Altuve 2b	4	1	1
Correa ss	4	0	0	Canha dh	4	0	0
Tucker lf	4	0	0	Grossman lf	3	1	2
Gurriel 2b	4	0	0	Pittsby rf	4	0	0
Maldonado c	3	0	0	Kemp 2b	3	1	0
				Allen c	3	0	0
				Murphy c	3	0	0
Totals	31	6	2	Totals	31	7	7
Houston	000	200	000	Houston	000	200	000



## MLB

# Tempers flare as A's top Astros for 9th straight

BY JANIE MCCAULEY  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics and Houston Astros apparently were tired of playing nice.

So following two quiet games at the Coliseum, tempers flared Sunday, months after Houston's sign-stealing scandal was brought to light by Oakland pitcher Mike Fiers.

Things got so angry the benches cleared — and the stands emptied, too, during Oakland's 7-2 victory over the AL West rival Astros.

The Athletics' ninth straight victory was far overshadowed by what erupted in the seventh inning. The skirmish came less than two weeks after the Astros tangled with the Los Angeles Dodgers, the team they beat in the 2017 World Series.

Oakland's Ramon Laureano got hit by a pitch — for the third time in the three-game series — this one by Humberto Castellanos with one out in the seventh, and pointed at the rookie right-hander.

Laureano then began exchanging words with animated Astros hitting coach Alex Cintron, left first base, threw down his batting helmet and began charging toward Cintron in the dugout.

Astros catcher Dustin Garneau left the bench to tackle Laureano before the A's outfielder reached Cintron, and a wild scene ensued.

"I was just trying to stop the situation before punches were really thrown and stuff got out of hand," Garneau said. "That's really what my whole goal was for that incident."

Players rushed out of both dugouts to join the fray. Players who were sitting in the seats, observing COVID-19 social-distancing protocols, also rushed onto the field. Several Astros streamed out from their tunnel area.

Laureano was ejected by plate ump Ted Barrett, and the umpiring crew could easily be heard yelling at the players to "get back to the dugout!" through a ballpark with no fans.

"Ramon's not going over there for no reason," A's manager Bob Melvin said, adding of Cintron: "I think the league will know who that is and that person will get suspended. Hopefully that's the case. Nowadays without fans in the stands and mikes everywhere my guess is they know who it is."

Oakland batters were hit five times during the series, no Houston hitters were plunked.

A's catcher Austin Allen was also ejected and Astros manager Dusty Baker was tossed a half-inning earlier for arguing balls and strikes. Houston lost its fifth in a row overall.

Oakland realized Laureano likely faces discipline.

"Look, we understand and you do the best you can with these things," Melvin said. "Obviously we don't want to get into a brawl like that and we understand

the protocol. Unfortunately, it happened."

Baker said he didn't see what happened because, having been ejected, he couldn't get the game feed on his clubhouse TV.

Ex-Astros player Fiers didn't pitch this series. He went public to The Athletic in November about Houston's detailed sign-stealing scam. The Astros have won the past three division crowns, a World Series in 2017 and AL pennant last year. The A's won 97 each in 2018 and '19 only to lose the AL wild-card game.

On July 28, Dodgers reliever Joe Kelly threw two pitches near the head of Houston hitters at Minute Maid Park and got suspended for eight games, a penalty that he appealed.

Matt Olson hit a three-run homer in the Oakland third and Matt Chapman connected the very next pitch, taking the score from 1-0 to 5-0 on consecutive offerings from Astros starter Cristian Javier (1-1).

Robbie Grossman also homered and Mark Canha contributed an RBI single.

The A's (12-4) matched the 2013 club for the best record after 16 games in the last 30 years.

A's rookie left-hander Jesus Luzardo (1-0) earned his first major league win in his second career start. His day was done after allowing back-to-back two-out walks in the sixth.

The 22-year-old Luzardo outdid 23-year-old Javier in a matchup of two top pitching prospects.



BEN MARGOT/AP

The Oakland Athletics' Ramon Laureano charges Houston's dugout after being hit by a pitch thrown by the Astros' Humberto Castellanos in the seventh inning Sunday in Oakland, Calif.

## Roundup

# Acuna hits 3 homers as Braves take doubleheader

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ronald Acuna Jr. homered twice and Freddie Freeman also went deep to spoil Spencer Howard's anticipated big league debut and lead the Atlanta Braves to a doubleheader sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies with an 8-0 victory on Sunday.

Acuna also homered in Atlanta's 5-2 victory in the first game. He had four hits in the second game and added his fourth career multihomer game.

"I don't think Ronald needed anybody else on his team today," Freeman said. "He kind of took care of everything. Pretty amazing to watch. He is a talent that doesn't come around very often in this game. It seems like he does more special things every single year."

The Phillies had waited since the restart to send Howard (0-1) to the mound and show why MLB.com had him ranked as the 36th top prospect in the minor leagues.

Howard allowed four runs and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Atlanta's Max Fried (3-0) hummed along against the Phillies while needing to get out of a bases-loaded, two-out jam in the fifth.

**Indians 5, White Sox 4 (10):** Delino DeShields snapped a tie with a perfectly placed squeeze bunt in the 10th inning to lift visiting Cleveland.

DeShields' bunt drove in Jose Ramirez, who started the inning on second as part of baseball's extra-inning rule for the pandemic-shortened season. Mike Free-

man added a two-run RBI single that gave Cleveland a 5-3 lead.

Veteran left-hander Oliver Perez got the final two outs following a 46-minute rain delay for his first save. It was only the fifth save of his 18-year career.

**Padres 9, Diamondbacks 5:** Dinelson Lamet was brilliant in taking a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Fernando Tatis Jr. continued his remarkable power surge with a two-run homer off winless Madison Bumgarner, who allowed four of San Diego's club-record six long balls as the Padres beat visiting Arizona.

Lamet (2-0) allowed only one baserunner, on a hit by pitch, until Kole Calhoun homered leading off the seventh. The right-hander struck out 11 and walked none in 6 1/3 innings.

**Mets 4, Marlins 2:** Jacob deGrom dodged trouble for five innings, rookie Andres Gimenez had three hits and scored three runs, and New York won a home series for the first time this season.

Jesus Aguilar hit a two-run homer in the fifth for the Marlins, who lost their second straight after getting off to a 7-1 start despite 18 players testing positive for the coronavirus.

**Rangers 7, Angels 3:** At Arlington, Texas, Los Angeles right fielder Jo Adell was charged with a rare four-base error when a fly ball from Texas' Nick Solak popped out of the rookie's glove and flew the few remaining feet over the fence in the Rangers' victory.

The play was initially ruled a home run for Solak, but the official score changed it to an error after consulting with the Elias Sports Bureau.

**Royals 4, Twins 2:** Hunter Dozier hit a two-run single in his first at-bat since testing positive for COVID-19, and prized prospect Brady Singer earned his major league win to lead host Kansas City.

The Royals won their fourth in a row overall. The Twins lost all three at Kauffman Stadium and have dropped four straight.

**Brewers 9, Reds 3:** Christian Yelich homered, tripled and drew a bases-loaded walk as Milwaukee got its first home victory.

The Brewers avoided falling to 0-5 at home for the first time since 1970, the franchise's inaugural season in Milwaukee.

**Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 3:** Mitch Moreland hit two home runs, including a walk-off shot over the Green Monster to lead host Boston.

The Blue Jays now head to Buffalo, N.Y., where they'll play their remaining home games at the site of their Triple-A affiliate across the Niagara River from Canada.

**Dodgers 6, Giants 2:** AJ Pollock and Mookie Betts hit three-run homers to rally Los Angeles past visiting San Francisco.

The Dodgers have won nine of 12, and they took two of three in the series from their NL West rivals. Their 29 homers lead the majors.

**Mariners 5, Rockies 3:** Justus Shef-



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Atlanta Braves' Ronald Acuna Jr. gestures skyward after hitting a two-run home run off Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Deolis Guerra in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader in Philadelphia.

field pitched six shutout innings for his first major league win, Dylan Moore hit a two-run homer and host Seattle slowed down Colorado.

Charlie Blackmon extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a first-inning double for Colorado.

**Rays 4, Yankees 3:** Michael Pineda had an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning to lift host Tampa Bay.

**Tigers 2, Pirates 1:** Spencer Turnbull pitched seven strong innings and Miguel Cabrera singled home the tiebreaking run in the eighth for visiting Detroit.

## A black and white action shot from a basketball game. In the center, a player in a white jersey is jumping high, his right arm extended to shoot a basketball. He is being defended by a player in a grey jersey with 'VOTE 22' on the back, who is also jumping with his arms outstretched. To the right, another player in a grey jersey with 'Phila 20' is visible, also reaching towards the basket. The background shows a blurred crowd and a referee in a light-colored shirt. The photo is credited to Kevin C. Cox/AP.

**KEVIN C. Cox/AP**

# Lillard leads Blazers past 76ers

0-2, Nader 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 44 (Bonga, Brown Jr., Hachimura 8), Oklahoma City 43 (Dor 10). Assists—Washington 23 (Robinson 6), Oklahoma City 25 (Paul 9). Total Fouls—Washington 18, Oklahoma City 18.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL/PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

# Players push for season amid growing concern

Associated Press  
After the Power Five conference commissioners met Sunday to discuss mounting concern about whether a college football season can be played in a pandemic, players took to social media to urge leaders to let them play.

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said no decisions on the season have been made, but conceded the outlook has not improved.

"Are we in a better place today than two weeks ago?" he said. "No, we're not."

Bowlsby cited "growing evidence and the growing pool of data around myocarditis." Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart and it has been found in some COVID-19 patients. There is concern it could be a long-term complication of contracting the virus even in young, healthy people, a group that has usually avoided severe cardiovascular symptoms.

Also Sunday night, the Big Ten's university presidents and chancellors held a previously unscheduled meeting, a person with knowledge of the meeting told The

## 'Are we in a better place today than two weeks ago? No, we're not.'

Bob Bowlsby

Big 12 Commissioner, conceding the outlook for college football has not improved

Associated Press. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the meeting was not announced by the conference.

Another person with direct knowledge of the meeting speaking on the condition of anonymity said no votes were taken or decisions made about the season.

The final call on whether major college football will played this season rests in the hands of the university presidents who oversee the largest conferences.

Meanwhile, college football players took to social media Sunday to push for a season, led by Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence with a series of tweets.

"People are at just as much, if not more risk, if we don't play," Lawrence tweeted. "Players will all be sent home to their own

communities where social distancing is highly unlikely and medical care and expenses will be placed on the families if they were to contract COVID-19."

Penn State tight end Pat Freiermuth had a similar message.

"Since day one coming back to campus the Penn State Football staff and medical experts have put our health and safety first, above anything else," he tweeted. "The guidelines put into place keep us safe while playing the game we love. We are ready to play and we want to play."

Other players tweeted with the hashtag #WeWantToPlay, and within a few hours that movement merged with another. Lawrence, Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields, Oklahoma State All-American running back

Cuba Hubbard, Alabama running back Najee Harris and numerous others across the country posted #WeWantToPlay and #WeAreUnited, hashtags used by a group of Pac-12 players who announced a college player rights movement a week ago.

Under the logos of each Power Five conference — ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC — the players pronounced their platform:

- We all want to play football this season.
- Establish universal mandated health & safety procedures and protocols to protect college athletes against COVID-19 among all conferences throughout the NCAA.
- Give players the opportunity to opt out and respect their decision.
- Guarantee eligibility whether a player chooses to play the season or not.
- Use our voices to establish open communication and trust between players and officials: Ultimately create a College Football Players Association.
- Representative of all Power Five conferences.

## Scoreboard

### PGA Championship

Sunday  
At TPC Harding Park  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Purse: \$11 million  
Yardage: 7,251 Par: 72

Final Round	
C. Morikawa, \$1,980,000	69-69-65-64=267-13
Paul Casey, \$968,000	68-67-68-66=269-11
D. Johnson, \$968,000	69-67-65-68=269-11
Jason Day, \$454,350	68-69-70-66=270-10
B. DeChambeau, \$404,350	68-70-66-66=270-10
Tony Finau, \$404,350	67-70-67-70=270-10
S. Scheffler, \$404,350	66-71-65-68=270-10
M. Wolff, \$404,350	69-68-68-65=270-10
Justin Rose, \$255,600	66-68-70-67=271-9
C. Champ, \$252,123	71-64-67-70=272-8
Joel Dahlgren, \$252,123	69-68-68-67=272-8
X. Schauffele, \$252,123	66-70-69-67=272-8
Daniel Berger, \$192,208	67-67-70-68=273-7
S. Woo Kim, \$192,208	69-68-68-68=273-7
Jon Rahm, \$192,208	70-69-68-66=273-7
Patrick Reed, \$192,208	68-70-69-66=273-7
Huoteng Li, \$156,500	67-65-73-69=274-6
A. T. Scott, \$156,500	65-70-67-72=274-6
H. English, \$134,000	69-71-69-66=275-5
Lanto Griffin, \$134,000	68-68-71-69=275-5
Kevin Kisner, \$134,000	67-73-68-67=275-5
B. Huan An, \$94,571	72-69-71-64=276-4
H. Matsuyama, \$94,571	70-67-69-70=276-4
Alex Noren, \$94,571	67-69-73-67=276-4
Victor Perez, \$94,571	70-69-69-68=276-4
Ian Poulter, \$94,571	73-68-66-69=276-4
Adam Scott, \$94,571	68-70-70-69=276-4
B. Steele, \$94,571	66-71-72-67=276-4
T. Fleetwood, \$69,500	70-64-70-73=277-3
B. Koepka, \$69,500	68-68-69=277-3
Doug Reedman, \$69,500	73-67-70-67=277-3
H. Varner III, \$69,500	72-69-70=277-3
Y. Hironaka, \$57,500	70-67-70-71=278-2
R. McIlroy, \$57,500	68-71-73-68=278-2
R. McIlroy, \$57,500	70-69-71-68=278-2
L. Osthuizen, \$57,500	70-71-70-67=278-2
Bud Cauley, \$45,000	66-71-73-69=279-1
Russell Henley, \$45,000	71-69-71-68=279-1
D. Lesh, \$45,000	69-70-70=279-1
Webb Simpson, \$45,000	71-68-68=279-1
Justin Thomas, \$45,000	71-70-68=279-1
Tiger Woods, \$45,000	68-72-72=279-1
A. Ancer, \$31,594	69-70-72-69=280
P. Cantlay, \$31,594	73-68-66=280
Billy Horschel, \$31,594	70-71-69=280
M. Letang, \$31,594	66-68-72=280
Keith Mitchell, \$31,594	68-72-68=280
Ryan Palmer, \$31,594	74-66-76=280
C. Smith, \$31,594	71-69-70=280
B. Wiesberger, \$31,594	68-68-70=280
Adam Long, \$24,000	70-69-70=280
Kurt Kitayama, \$24,000	68-72-70=281
Li Xian, \$24,000	70-69-70=281
Adam Long, \$24,000	68-72-70=281
Joost Luiten, \$24,000	71-68-73=281
C. Smith, \$24,000	70-69-70=281
E. van Rooyen, \$24,000	71-70-74=281
Justin Stricker, \$24,000	70-69-70=281
Brian Harman, \$21,338	71-71-72=282
Sam Hoggie, \$21,338	68-72-72=282
M. Hughes, \$21,338	73-68-69=282
D. McCarthy, \$21,338	70-69-70=282
C. Schwab, \$21,338	70-69-70=282
K. Stiller, \$21,338	69-70-73=282
J. Wang, \$21,338	70-69-70=282
Emiliano Riggi, \$20,000	70-70-73=283
Shane Lowry, \$20,000	68-72=283
Adam Long, \$20,000	70-70-73=283
Rory Sabbatini, \$20,000	71-70-72=283
Sam Hoggie, \$20,000	68-72=283
Danny Lee, \$19,350	69-71-74=284
Adam Long, \$19,350	70-69-73=284
Jordan Spieth, \$19,350	68-73-76=284
Bubba Watson, \$19,350	70-70-73=284
J.T. Poston, \$19,350	67-74-75=286
Chaz Reavie, \$19,350	71-70-75=286
Matt Wallace, \$19,350	71-70-75=286
Matt Wallace, \$19,350	71-70-75=286
Chris Weir, \$18,700	71-70-72=287
Sung Kang, \$18,700	70-71-76=290

## Major: Morikawa's shot off the tee on 16 one to remember

### FROM BACK PAGE

"I peeked around right and looked around the tree, and it looked really, really good."

The COVID-19 pandemic that moved the PGA Championship from May to August was allowed to be played only if spectators were not allowed. But there was one person who won't forget what he saw.

Casey, with his first good shot at winning a major, birdied the 16th to tie Morikawa for the lead. Standing on the tee at the par-3 17th, he looked back and saw the ball roll toward the cup.

"What a shot," was all Casey could say. "Nothing you can do but tip your cap to that. Collin had taken on that challenge and pulled it off. That's what champions do."

Golf's latest major champion was still in the vicinity of Harding Park just over a year ago, finishing up his degree at California and his All-American career, part of a new cast of young stars in a sport filled with them.

He only played Harding Park a dozen times while in college, but it was never set up with rough like this or with the tees all the way back.

Now he has three PGA Tour victories and is No. 5 in the world, taking his place among the young stars by beating a cast of world-class players on the public course in San Francisco.

"Those are moments I'm always going to remember," said Morikawa, who became the sixth player to capture this major before turning 24.

For Johnson it was another major that got away. He had a one-shot lead and didn't do too much wrong on the day except for not keeping it in the fairway for better chances of birdie. He drove into the hazard on the 16th and chipped in for birdie when he was too late, and a birdie on the 18th gave him a tie for second.

"It's my first bad round in a major in a while," said Koepka, who was his fifth runner-up finish



JEFF CHU/AP

Collin Morikawa watches his tee shot on the 294-yard 16th hole at TPC Harding Park during the final round of the PGA Championship on Sunday in San Francisco. Morikawa's shot hopped onto the green, rolling to 7 feet from the hole, setting up an eagle putt to all but wrap up his first career major victory.

in a major — his only title is the 2016 U.S. Open — and his second straight runner-up in the PGA Championship.

Brooks Koepka proved to be all talk. He looked at the crowded leaderboard on Saturday night and didn't see anyone with his experience of four major championships, even dishing on Johnson because he has "only won one."

Koepka didn't make a birdie until the 12th hole. He went from two shots behind to a 4, tying for 29th.

"It's my first bad round in a major in a while," said Koepka,

who said he spent the back nine mostly trying to cheer on Casey and his bid to win a first major at age 43.

Youth rules these days. Morikawa finished at 13-under 267, and left so many others wondering how close they came.

Matthew Wolff, who grew up with Morikawa in Southern California and turned pro last summer with him, shot a 65 and joined Jason Day, Bryson DeChambeau, Tony Finau and PGA Tour rookie Scottie Scheffler at 10-under 270. Cameron Champ, among eight players who had a share of the

lead at some point, lost momentum with a double bogey at the turn. DeChambeau dropped two shots at the turn and never caught up until it was too late.

Morikawa, in only his 28th start as a pro and his second major, played bogey-free. His only mistake was at the end, when it was time to hoist the Wanamaker Trophy, the heaviest of the four major trophies. The lid came off and tumbled to the grass as Morikawa's eyes bulged.

If that was his only mistake, consider it a successful day. A major success.



## SPORTS



# Morikawa's major moment

## 23-year-old wraps up PGA Championship with incredible shot on 16th hole

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

**T**HAT WAS THE BEST shot of his life, the shot that made Collin Morikawa a major champion, was never supposed to happen.

He knew the tee on the 16th at Harding Park would be moved forward at the PGA Championship. He said during practice rounds that wouldn't tempt him to go for the green. But this was Sunday afternoon, right after Morikawa had chipped in for birdie to break out of a seven-way tie, and at this moment was tied again with Paul Casey.

**'What a shot. Nothing you can do but tip your cap to that. ... That's what champions do.'**

Paul Casey

PGA Championship runner-up, on winner Collin Morikawa's eagle on the 16th hole

"I knew I had to hit a good one," he said.

The shot will be remembered as one of the best in a major that hardly anyone witnessed, not with spectators banned during the COVID-19 era for majors.

Morikawa hit his driver on the 294-yard hole that was perfect in flight and even better when it landed, hopping onto the green and rolling to 7 feet for an eagle that all but clinched victory on a mostly quiet, chilly afternoon at Harding Park.

In the first major without spectators, the 23-year-old Californian finished with a bang. The chip-in for birdie and the tee shot for eagle added to a 6-under 64 and the best closing

round by a PGA champion in 25 years, and a two-shot victory over Casey (66) and Dustin Johnson (68).

The only regret was the lack of a roar this shot deserved. He had no idea how good it was until he got closer to the green.

"This is one time I really wish there were crowds," he said with a broad smile. "I was just praying for a straight bounce ... and then after it bounced, it kind of got behind a tree that we couldn't see around the corner. So once it bounced, I was like 'OK, I will take it anywhere.'"

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Collin Morikawa reacts as the top of the Wanamaker Trophy begins to topple after winning the PGA Championship at TPC Harding Park on Sunday in San Francisco. Morikawa shot a 6-under 64 for the best closing round by a PGA champion in 25 years, and a two-shot victory over Paul Casey (66) and Dustin Johnson (68).

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